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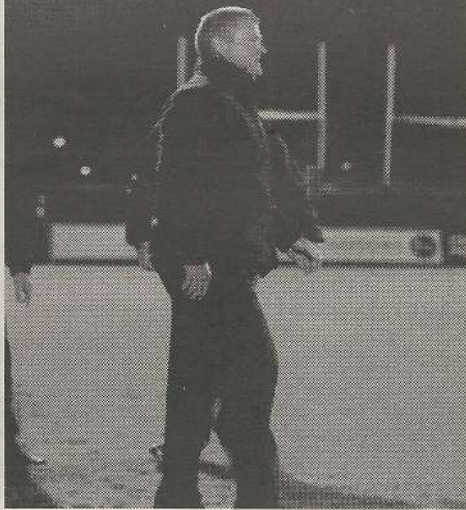
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## The Curse Continues...

Oakleigh coach  
Stuart Munro gets  
a taste of how  
football works  
Down Under



The curse of the Minor Premiers has struck again. The hot favourites of the Finals Series, Oakleigh Cannons, who romped to first place in the regular home and away season by a whopping 12 points, were bundled out of the running to clinch the Vodafone Cup when it lost 1-0 to Heidelberg United in the first Semi-Final at Bob Jane Stadium on Friday night.

After leading the competition for the majority of the season and having lost only three times in twenty-six games, the Cannons faltered when it mattered most, going out in straight sets and unable to score in 210 minutes of Finals football.

Whilst the Finals format would seem somewhat unfair to a team caught in Oakleigh's predicament, all clubs

were aware of the rules of the competition when the first ball was kicked back in February. History has shown that perhaps we shouldn't have been so surprised by Oakleigh's early exit. Green Gully managed to celebrate its Jubilee year last year by capturing the championship after finishing top, but prior to that, you have to go back to 1997 when the awesome Altona Magic repeated the trick.

If it's any consolation to Oakleigh fans, perhaps they can take some solace from the efforts of Port Melbourne back in 1995. The Sharks finished on top of the standings on 69 points with its nearest challenger, Altona Magic, on 47 points, before bringing its season to an abrupt end by famously choking in the Finals.

After Friday night's match we asked victorious Heidelberg United coach, Con Pappas, what he thought of the whole Finals series and if he thought it was a fair system, he said, "Oakleigh obviously finished well ahead of everyone else and I don't think anyone can argue with that, but the fact of the matter is that most teams are psychologically built to play for the Top Six. You're only going to play until you get into the top six - teams aim to finish anywhere in there, whether it's third or second, as long as we can finish in the minor places, then you're still in with a chance and in the hunt."

When asked the same question, Oakleigh Cannons coach Stuart Munro was understandably a little reluctant to comment, so it didn't seem like "sour grapes", but he did go on to comment that "it's very much an AFL thing and that's just the way they do things here in Australia. It's a crazy system and I haven't met anyone in the last month who agrees with the Top Six series. It's taken me a couple of weeks just to understand how the whole system works. It totally baffles me that after finishing top after the whole season, it doesn't actually mean anything. We got absolutely no benefit from this series and didn't even get a home game for it. I think it's a money spinner thing and unfortunately that's just the way it is. What's the point of playing the first 26 games?"

Munro also added that part of the role of the coach involves managing suspensions and injuries in a squad during the course of the year, but in Finals games you

may not have the best squad available which could prove costly when faced with an elimination type of encounter.

One suggestion made by both coaches was to possibly revert back to the old format of awarding the Championship to the team that finished top of the standings, but to also incorporate a separate Cup competition which could be played at the conclusion of the home and away games. To qualify a team must finish in the top six. That way it would fill the gap of a Cup style knock out system that is sorely missing from the calendar, but is fairer to all teams involved in the league.

## The Curse Honour Board

Year	GF Winners	Minor Premiers
2005	Green Gully	Green Gully
2004	Bulleen Zebras	Green Gully
2003	Green Gully	Preston Lions
2002	Preston Lions	Fawkner Blues
2001	Heidelberg Utd	Port Melbourne
2000	No Finals	Green Gully
1999	No Finals	Green Gully
1998	Bulleen	St Albans Saints
1997	Altona Magic	Altona Magic
1996	Altona Magic	Altona Magic
1995	Altona Magic	Port Melbourne
1994	Preston Lions	Preston Lions
1993	Bulleen	Bulleen
1992	North Geelong	North Geelong

## Sorry Folks!

Goal! Weekly deeply regrets the unfortunate error that appeared on last week's front page.

It was stated in our sub-headline that South Melbourne had been eliminated from the Vodafone Cup Finals Series when in fact it should have read Green Gully.

I understand that these types of monumental inaccuracies are detrimental to the credibility of the publication and are totally unacceptable.

The only explanation why such a horrific blunder could have possibly occurred is that contrary to popular belief, Goal! Weekly is not a full-time organization. Goal! Weekly relies heavily on the voluntary efforts of its contributors and until we gain enough support from the wider football community, the 'paper will unfortu-

nately always struggle with its quality control.

Although restricted with limited resources, this year we've endeavored to improve the magazine across the board with its layout, design, content, and of course, its availability on a Monday.

I hope you've appreciated the attempt to produce a quicker turn-around time, bringing you fresher coverage of Victoria's grass-roots weekend football results, but completely understand your annoyance of our mistakes.

If I was a Vodafone Cup coach, I would have been left with no alternative but to add to this season's casualty list by handing in my resignation.

Whilst the commitment of everyone associated with

the mag has been unquestionable, I am utterly embarrassed by this recent episode, and as Editor, I accept full responsibility and cannot apologise enough to our valued readers, the Vodafone Cup competition and the FFV. You deserve better.

I thank you for your support, understanding and patience over the past two seasons and can assure you we are doing our utmost to avoid a repeat of this episode ever happening again.

Ed.

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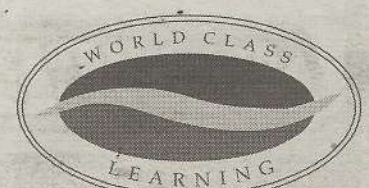
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# VODAFONE CUP

## DETAILS



### FINALS SERIES SCOREBOARD

#### VODAFONE CUP 1ST SEMI FINAL

##### ALTONA MAGIC 1 - 2 SOUTH MELBOURNE

Sunday 10th September Knights Stadium  
Crowd: 2500

Goals: G.De Nittis (SM) 73rd & 88th, D.Vasilevski (AM) 94th

Yellow cards: T.Baser (SM) 53rd, I.Arsovski (AM) 58th, A.Opazo (AM) 62nd, R.Tavsancioglu (SM) 67th.  
Red cards: None

**Magic:** B.Jevedevic, S.Mrkela, L.Osman, D.Mladenovic, K.Delev, A.Opazo (T.Razov 67th), S.Becvinovski, I.Arsovski (S.Zilic 84th), P.Cergovski, I.Razov, D.Vasilevski.

**South:** D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vito, G.Tzirtis, A.Oliveira, D.Djubic, R.Tavsancioglu, F.De Moraes, T.Baser, S.MacNicol, G.De Nittis, A.Naglieri.

#### VODAFONE CUP 2ND SEMI FINAL

##### OAKLEIGH CANNONS 0 - 1 HEIDELBERG UNITED

Friday 8th September Bob Jane Stadium  
Crowd: 935

Goals: A.Vlahos (HU) 99th

Yellow cards: S.Webster (OC) 28th, N.Sabljak (HU) 43rd, S.Laurie (OC) 82nd  
Red cards: R.Kumar (OC) 46th.

**Cannons:** S.Webster, S.Webster, A.Ewin, R.Kumar, S.Poutakidis, C.Boutsianis, B.Damianos, S.Laurie (V.Toma 104th), A.Pelikan, J.Nilo, E.Masi.

**Bergers:** L.Acevski, P.Roberts (L.Tsoumerkis 47th), D.Jones, R.Liparotti, A.Gjuni, S.Petrovic, T.Ouliaris, N.Sabljak, J.Tricarico, Y.Yusuf (E.Vassiliadis 34th), A.Vlahos.

### VODAFONE CUP TABLE- Final Standings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Oakleigh Cannons	26	16	7	3	47	24	55
Altona Magic	26	12	7	7	32	23	43
South Melbourne	26	12	6	8	45	28	42
Heidelberg Utd	26	12	5	9	43	36	41
Kingston City	26	11	5	10	37	39	38
Green Gully	26	10	7	9	45	40	37
Preston Lions	26	10	7	9	45	46	37
Richmond Eagles	26	9	8	9	41	38	35
Bulleen Zebras	26	9	6	11	27	36	33
Fawkner-Whittlesea	26	10	1	15	38	51	31
Essendon Royals	26	8	6	12	32	37	30
Melbourne Knights	26	8	6	12	33	39	30
Sunshine Georgies	26	8	6	12	30	36	30
Frankston Pines	26	6	5	15	23	45	23

### The Final Six



#### Week 1

##### Qualifying Final

##### Oakleigh Cannons 0

##### Altona Magic 2

Bob Jane Stadium  
Sunday, 03 Sept

##### Elimination Finals

##### South Melbourne 3

##### Green Gully 0

Bob Jane Stadium  
Friday, 01 Sept

##### Heidelberg United 5

##### Kingston City 1

Knights Stadium  
Sunday, 03 Sept

#### Week 2

##### 2nd Semi-Final

##### Altona 1 - 2 South

Knights Stadium,  
Sunday 10 Sept

Winner goes straight to Grand Final  
Loser goes to Preliminary Final

##### 1st Semi-Final

##### Oakleigh 0 - 1 Bergers

Bob Jane Stadium  
Friday, 08 Sept

Loser is Eliminated

#### Week 3

##### Preliminary Final

##### Altona

##### Heidelberg United

refer to FFV website for KO  
times and venue details

Winner goes to Grand Final  
Loser is Eliminated

### LEADING GOALSCORERS

Sash Becvinovski  
Altona Magic FC 17

Michael Curcija  
Kingston City FC 16

James Robinson  
Richmond Eagles FC 13

Esala Masi  
Oakleigh Cannons FC 12

Mark Tsiorlas  
Fawkner/Whittlesea 12

Anthony Magnacca  
Preston Lions 11

#### Week 4

##### Grand Final



South Melbourne



Champions

Winner of Preliminary Final

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Women's Player of the Year .....

Rising Star Award .....

Coach of the Year .....

Referee of the Year .....

Team of the Year .....

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# VODAFONE CUP *The Finals*



## SOUTH BOOKS PLACE IN GRAND FINAL!



MAGIC LOOKS TO NEXT WEEK'S DOUBLE CHANCE

### Altona Magic 1 - 2 South Melbourne

South Melbourne became the first team to earn themselves a birth in the 2006 Vodafone Premier League Grand Final in two weeks time with an emphatic 2-1 victory against Altona Magic in front of a big crowd of approximately 2600 fans at the Knight Stadium in North Sunshine.

The first half which remained goalless was an end to end open affair. Both sides were able to get the ball into their respective final third, but really seeming to lack that final killer thrust that would lead to a goal. South Melbourne showed more composure of the two sides and did a fine job in taming the leagues top marksman Sash Becvinovski. Both sides had their share of chances and a few corners, but neither 'keeper was really forced into a save of any great note.

The second half opened much as the same as the first except both sides were forcing the 'keepers into saves. The match seemed to take a bit more of an attacking edge and it seemed more likely that a goal would be scored in this half by one side or the other or quite possibly by both. The breakthrough came in almost a two goal turnaround. Sash Becvinovski found himself on the end of some neat interplay and bearing down on the goal of Dean Anastasiadis and you would have bet the barn on him coolly converting the opportunity. Much to the credit of the South custodian he stretched a big mitt out and managed to push the ball away for a corner.

From the resulting corner the ball was cleared along

the Mark Viduka grandstand side of the ground to Rama Tavsanicioglu, who proceeded to beat a Magic defender and square a ball, which eluded a few feet of attackers and defenders alike and fell to Gianni De Nittis who was left with the simplest of tap ins to open the scoring. The terraces erupted much to the delight of the majority of the crowd who were supporting the team in blue. This forced Altona to open up and chase the equalizing goal, but in doing this they left themselves open to the sucker punch and it was this which was their undoing. With about 6 minutes left South attacked on a break and the ball was clipped through to Gianni De Nittis who popped the ball over a helpless Bojo Jevdevic to double the Blues advantage and the game looked done and dusted.

In the dying moments of the game and well into injury time Altona were afforded the chance to get back what would be only a consolation goal - and how they grasped this opportunity. A foul just outside the penalty area saw the ball spotted and a thunderous shot by Magic's Daniel Vasilevski scorch into the back of the net past a diving and bemused Anastasiadis. Just as South kicked off for the restart the referee blew for full time and the South fans were jubilant.

The result was probably a fair one and at least for Altona there is a tomorrow because they will go on next week to face Heidelberg in next weeks Preliminary Final at Bob Jane Stadium for another chance to make the Grand Final. They will need to regroup

in order to find a way to translate possession from the midfield into attacking opportunities. South can take a well deserved week off to recover from any niggles and knocks and prepare themselves for the Grand Final.

By Reuben Schembri  
Photos by Daniel Flis

South's Dino Djulbic embraces  
Rama Tavsanicioglu



#### What the Coaches Said...

Vlado Torteovski  
Coach, Altona Magic:

For some reason we didn't play the same type of game like we did against Oakleigh the week before. To be honest, I don't really know what happened, but we didn't play our best game. We have to put this bad game behind us, we're still in it thanks to the second chance, but hopefully we can see South Melbourne in the Final and gain some revenge then.

John Anastasiadis  
Coach, South Melbourne:

It was always going to be a very difficult match but I thought we a the better of possession and of the chances. Altona had some two great opportunities to score, which could have caused us some problems, but luckily our 'keeper pulled off some great saves. Never the less we came away with the win. It was a massive team effort and we're very happy with that. All our hard work appears to be paying off and now we get ready for the big one.

Man of the Match  
Gianni De Nittis  
(South)

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## BERGERS SINK CANNONS' SHIP

VLAHOS GOAL UNDOES OAKLEIGH IN EXTRA TIME

**Oakleigh Cannons 0 - 1 Heidelberg Utd Warriors**

Heidelberg United conquered Oakleigh Cannons 1-0 in an epic semi-final battle at Bob Jane stadium on Friday night, eliminating the minor premiers from the finals race.

The Bergers' win following on from their impressive victory over the Cannons' neighbors, Kingston City last week, means the Vodafone Cup trophy will remain in the traditional suburban power bases of football for yet another season.

Andy Vlahos's extra time goal proved to be the decisive moment in an exciting encounter which held the crowd of 935 in suspense until the final whistle, as they watched an undermanned Cannons' outfit fight to keep their season alive.

Both sides went into the match affected by injuries and in Oakleigh's case, by suspensions. Missing from the Cannons' regular defense were the injured skipper, Felix Rosman, and the suspended Anton Kovacic. Midfield strongman George Goutzioulis was also out through suspension.

Coach Stuart Munro opted to bring back experienced central defender Steve Laurie who has been out with a long term injury.

The Bergers had their own injury concerns with coach Con Pappas opting to begin with key players, Eric Vassiliadis and Nick Marinos on the bench.

Both sides produced several good chances in an entertaining first half, with both keepers making good saves in the wet conditions. United had the earliest chance when striker, Joe Tricarico tried to convert Yusuf Yusuf's miss-directed shot into the net, however his close-range effort was wide of the mark. Juan Nilo had a couple of early strikes for the Cannons including an excellent chance on the quarter hour following an assist from Anthony Pelikan. Nilo blazed well over the bar.

The Cannons had keeper Stuart Webster to thank in the first half when his near post save denied Berger defender Daniel Jones, a goal from close range following a corner scramble. Webster's counterpart in the Heidelberg goal, Lupce Acevski produced his own excellent near post save to deny Pelikan in the 34th minute.

As the excitement level picked up on the park, a lone clarinetist in the stand, just in front of the

VIP viewing area, added a sound track of Greek folk music.

Berger's coach Pappas turned to his bench on the half hour, bringing on skipper Vassiliadis to replace an injured Yusuf in a straight swap on the right side of midfield.

As the half progressed, Heidelberg's approach play appeared a little more incisive than Oakleigh's with neither team able to dominate possession. The half ended 0-0 in a sudden downpour of rain, but not before Bergers' dead ball specialist, Nick Sabljak struck the crossbar with a 30 metre free, and Tricarico narrowly missed converting the rebound.

The slippery conditions made for numerous mistakes, turnovers of possession and some strong physical challenges from both sides as players threw themselves into tackles to win the ball. One such tackle, by Cannons' left back Raj Kumar, soon after the break, earned himself a red card and left the recipient of the challenge, Bergers' defender Peter Roberts unable to take further part, and requiring hospital treatment for a serious injury. The incident forced both coaches to re-shuffle their line-ups.

Pappas replaced the injured Roberts with Leigh Tsoumerkas and Munro opted to shore up his defensive line by pulling midfielder Scott Webster into a central defensive position and pushing Adam Ewin across to left back. This left the Cannons with just three in the middle, but the 10 man Cannons rose to the challenge and produced a fighting second half performance. The Cannons almost celebrated a goal when striker Nilo's goal bound shot beat the keeper only for defender Robert Liparotti to clear off the line for the Bergers.

The Bergers were starting to find space down the right flank and when midfielder Se-

bastian Petrovich burst through to cut the ball back to Tricarico on the edge of the six yard box, only a reflex save by keeper Webster denied the striker as the ball rebounded off Webster's hand onto his near post and away for a corner.

Vlahos and Tricarico were presenting problems for the Cannons defense and the two combined well on a couple of occasions to provide chances for each other which went wide of Webster's near post. As full time loomed, the Cannons bench protested angrily when the referee ignored a couple of Oakleigh appeals for a penalty decision, one involving a tackle on striker Esala Masi and another for a claim of handball.

At the end of ninety minutes, the football gods had yet to show their smile. However it took just another eight minutes before they were smiling on Heidelberg, as Scott Webster's miss-timed clearance gifted the ball to Andy Vlahos in space behind the Oakleigh back four. Vlahos remained composed and deftly chipped the ball into the net, over keeper Webster as he went to ground.

However, the Cannons refused to give in, with Bill Damianos missing an excellent chance to head an equalizer. When the Cannons shots were on target, they found the impressive Acevski barring the way to goal.

At the final whistle, Bergers coach Pappas and his assistant leapt out of their box and ran to embrace



The Berger boys sing their victory song in the changerooms after ousting the Cannons

### What the Coaches Said...

**Stuart Munro**  
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

Obviously we're disappointed to go out, but we made it difficult for ourselves after having a player sent off so early. The players in the second half did a remarkable job to create so many chances and opportunities as they did, full credit to Lou Acevski really won the game for Heidelberg. I was very proud of my players and it obviously wasn't meant to be this year.

**Con Pappas**  
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

I think it was a great match to watch. It was nail biting, end to end and exciting for the supporters. Our players were committed and courageous...big name players win big games. Great goal by Andy Vlahos and Lou Acevski was superb in goal on one leg.

**Man of the Match**  
**Lou Acevski**  
(Bergers)

Acevski as the Bergers' fans acclaimed their team as heroes.

Oakleigh coach Stuart Munro was gracious in defeat, saying that although his players were very upset at their season ending loss, he felt very proud of their performance today. "I thought we were superb with 10 men. It was very hard out there." He believed his side created enough chances to win the game only to be denied by Acevski.

By George Stogiannou  
Photos by John Punshon and Daniel Flis



Last minute hero Andy Vlahos got the Bergers through in extra time



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# STATE LEAGUES

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STANDINGS



Seniors NORTH WEST 2			Seniors SOUTH EAST 2		
<p>Thomastown Devils 2 (V Pirozzi, N Addo) Moreland City 4 (S Sacco, C Bellomo, R Marcon) (HT: 2-2), Lalor United 1 (F Tijani) Pascoe Vale 3 (M Maljanek, J Ilievski, P Ferrante) (HT: 1-1), Keilor Park 1 (A Galea) Yarraville Glory 0 (HT: 1-0), Westvale 3 (H Timotheou 2) Maribymong Greens 1 (D Alavovic) (HT: 3-0), Altona City 2 (J Little, J Dossis) Williamstown 1 (F Yetismis) (HT: 0-0), Westgate 3 (J De Bono, E De Santis 2) Banyule City 2 (D Alevizos, B Deloo) (HT: 2-1)</p>			<p>Diamond Valley United 3 (B Love, S Murat) Southern Stars 1 (V Mucal) (HT: 1-0), Chelsea 1 (J Petruzalek) Clifton Hill United 0 (HT: 0-0), Doncaster Rovers 2 (P Lord 2) Cranbourne Comets 1 (D Terek) (HT: 0-0), Eastern Lions SC 2 (S Groom, P McEvoy) Stonnington City 0 (HT: 1-0), Knox City 0 Waverley Wanderers 2 (A Strapellias) (HT: 0-1), South Springvale 3 (I Diniotis 2) Clayton 0 (HT: 2-0)</p>		
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<p>Sydenham Park 3 (G Petrovski, A Vasilovski, D Spiteri) North Sunshine Eagles 1 (G Musila) (HT: 1-1), Ballarat Soccer Club 2 (J Romein, N Karametis) Geelong Rangers 3 (D Vats 2, J Corry) (HT: 1-2), Werribee City 4 (M Collins 2, A Karanickolas, A Barbieri) Albion Rovers 0 (HT: 2-0), La Trobe University 1 (P Devono) Lalor 2 (C Anastasiou, S Arico) (HT: 0-1), Geelong 4 (D Nelson 2, G Carr, S Vanis) Western Eagles 0 (HT: 0-0), Corio 3 (S Glinovski 3) Sunbury United 3 (V Ierardo 3) (HT: 1-2)</p>			<p>Mooroolbark 0 Templestowe Eagles 1 (A Ardesi) (HT: 0-0), Monbulk 4 (A Cowie 2, D Van Edmond, K Rand) Sandringham City 0 (HT: 2-0), Berwick City 4 (J Collard, A Saunders, M Nitz, P Byrne) Fitzroy City 1 (D Reljic) (HT: 3-0), Heatherton United 9 (Z Buljubasic, J Pekmezovic 5, I Barber 2, M Skenderovic) Morwell Pegasus 4 (F Albanese, D Cassar 2, A Van Vleet) (HT: 5-3), Nunawading City 2 (G Ratten, M Marnell) Frankston Strikers 0 (HT: 1-0), Endeavour United North Caulfield (HT: -)</p>		
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<p>Sydenham Park 2 North Sunshine Eagles 1, Ballarat Soccer Club 3 Geelong Rangers 2, Werribee City 2 Albion Rovers 3, La Trobe University 4 Lalor 6, Geelong 1 Western Eagles 0, Corio 2 Sunbury United 4</p>			<p>Mooroolbark 7 Templestowe Eagles 0, Monbulk 1 Sandringham City 1, Berwick City 1 Fitzroy City 0, Heatherton United 3 Morwell Pegasus 0, Nunawading City 4 Frankston Strikers 1, Endeavour United North Caulfield</p>		
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<p>Hume United 8 (H Andrade 3, J Barrientos, C Erdem, M Moran 2, M Abdalla) Darebin United 1 (M Di Paola) (HT: 2-1), Elwood City 0 Glenroy 1 (HT: 0-1), Avondale Heights 3 (M Jancic, A Cristiano, D Triffetti) Melbourne City 0 (HT: 1-0), Laverton Park 1 (R Lopez) Hoppers Crossing 1 (J Sweeney) (HT: 0-0), Brimbank 4 (C Barrera 2, A Barrera, P Nguyen) Mill Park 3 (H Ibrahim, L Fountis, S Alexandrou) (HT: 2-1), Melbourne University Rangers 1 (T Iseli) Plenty Valley Lions 1 (T Gruzevski) (HT: 1-1)</p>			<p>White Star Dandenong 2 Doveton 4 (HT: 2-1), Southern Suburbs 2 (A Anagnostopoulos 2) Riversdale SC 3 (G Kidd, A Moraes, J Di) (HT: 1-1), Noble Park United 5 (A Jankovic 3, G Chud, R Tomio) Brandon Park 2 (R Benados 2) (HT: 1-0), Monash University 4 (J Bucadi 2, H Nunez, R Serrano) Carrum United 0 (HT: 0-0), Croydon City Arrows 7 (A Ciavarella, C Flores, D Djukic, L Aydin, K Bober 3) Rowville Eagles 1 (M Craciun) (HT: 0-0), Springvale City Vales 4 (E Hadziefendic, E Klancevic, F Bove 2) Warragul United 2 (S Byers, P Sheehan) (HT: 1-2)</p>		
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<p>Seniors PROVI 2 NORTH WEST</p>			<p>Seniors PROVI 2 SOUTH EAST</p>		
<p>South Yarra 2 (C Barry, G Hogan) Northern Falcons 0 (HT: 0-0), Melbourne Tornado Brimbank City (HT: -), Collingwood City 2 (D Tiamy 2) Moreland United 1 (A Toma) (HT: 0-0), Northern United 1 (I Azzam) West Preston 4 (A Freeman 2, N Carlaganis 2) (HT: 1-1), Whittlesea United 7 (F Tankir, S Mirik, H Yaman 2, A Develiolu, N Ceker) Broadmeadows United 2 (K Bayram, A Eraslan) (HT: 3-0), Uni. Of Melbourne Blues 5 (T Landes 3, M Marques, A Olszewski) North City Lions 0 (HT: 2-0).</p>			<p>Seaford United 1 (J Bunting) Keysborough 2 (HT: 0-0), Lyndale United 3 (P Hanna, C Espinoza 2) Old Xaverians 1 (D Nicholls) (HT: 1-0), Noble Park 0 Scotch Old Boys 12 (A Alford 2, P Pallis, N Jewitt 4, D Fielding 2, A Truong 3) (HT: 0-4), Mitcham United 3 (C Bacalis, K Tavrou, C Davidson) Beaumaris 1 (M Lennon) (HT: 0-1), Old Trinity Grammarians 1 (A Hallam) Ashburton 1 (HT: 0-1), Berwick Kings 1 (L Medico) Old Melbourne Blues 1 (HT: 0-1)</p>		
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<p>Seniors PROVI 3 NORTH WEST</p>			<p>Seniors PROVI 3 SOUTH EAST</p>		
<p>Epping City 3 Watsonia Heights 2 (HT: 1-2), Melton (J Tumuturi, S Mamo) Reservoir United (HT: 2-0), Light United 1 Keon Park 3 (HT: 0-1), Bell Park 5 (D Saba, L Mercer 2, J Simunovic) Youth United 1 (B Koddeviren) (HT: 3-0), Moreland Wolves 4 (F Lizio, T Stylianou, D Colella 2) Hallam 2 (M Rodriguez) (HT: 0-1), Ascot Vale 1 (E Gonzalez) Meadow Park 1 (G Mazzarella) (HT: 0-1)</p>			<p>Eltham North 2 (A Alabakov, J Buhagiar) Dandenong City 1 (GR Andrews) (HT: 1-1), Mornington 2 (J Copley, K Jaques) Old Carey 0 (HT: 1-0), Old Camberwell Grammar 2 (P Spyropoulos, L McMahon) Dandenong Warriors 1 (G Hentrisson) (HT: 1-1), Dandenong Sparrows 7 (J Adele, A Jennings, V Mondon 2, B Madhavan, F Mostaghim) 2) Old Brighton Grammarians 1 (C Zielski) (HT: 4-1), Endeavour Hills 2 (J Kisorbo, R Roussety) Borondara Lions 1 (T Wilson) (HT: 2-1), Ringwood City 1 (K Stewart) Caulfield United 1 (O Tufan) (HT: 0-0)</p>		
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<p>Epping City 3 Watsonia Heights 0, Melton 1 Reservoir United 2, Light United 2 Keon Park 2, Bell Park 3 Youth United 0, Moreland Wolves 3 Hallam 2, Ascot Vale 1 Meadow Park 1</p>			<p>Eltham North 3 Dandenong City 0, Mornington 0 Old Carey 1, Old Camberwell Grammar 0 Dandenong Warriors 2, Dandenong Sparrows 2 Old Brighton Grammarians 7, Endeavour Hills 1 Borondara Lions 4, Ringwood City 1 Caulfield United 4</p>		
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# STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 22



## Divi One Comes To A Close

Saturday saw the culmination of what has been a long 22 week season for the teams competing in Division One. All teams have had ups and downs and some have even tasted the giddy heights of promotion and championships, while others the bitter pill of relegation. However, for one team the saga continues as they now have the Play-offs to contest.

Congratulations to Western Suburbs and all the players, staff and committee down at the Ralph Street. The club was officially crowned Vodafone Division One champions for 2006 and finished off what has been an excellent campaign with a 5-1 home demolition of the very disappointing North Geelong. Terry Antoniadis, Ace Stojovski, Zoran Cvetkovski, Ricardo Castro and Leander Rizzo all scored for the home side while David Cervinski scored for the North Geelong side.

The other promoted team to join Suburbs in the Premier League next season is the second placed Springvale White Eagles. The Eagles however, finished the season with a loss, going down to Dandenong Thunder by a score of two goals to one. Miles Tidd scored for the White Eagles whilst Paul Wilson and Jamie

Heard scored for the Thunder.

At the other end of the table there was still quite a few ways the bottom three spots could go. We already knew going into this round that Altona East had been relegated, but they finished off the season with a 2-2 draw with Brunswick City in a result that saw Brunswick finish fourth bottom and safe. Shane Di Gioacchino and Adem Awad scored for the Phoenix whilst Ben Stafrace scored for Brunswick.

The second team to be automatically relegated was Northcote City who finished off the season with a 3-3 draw away to St Albans.

With Bentleigh's win however, it became irrelevant for Northcote as they could not escape the drop to finish second last and face life in Division Two for 2007. For St Albans Mario Medugarac, Dane Dragic and Dragan Viskevici scored, whilst for the relegated Northcote side it was Harry Kingopoulos and Abdul Awad.

Bentleigh Greens still have another battle to fight as they finished third bottom and in the Play-off spot. They defeated North Coburg by the single goal to ensure that at least they

wouldn't be automatically relegated and can at least salvage something from the season. Ben Coggar was the scorer for the Greens in a 1-0 victory.

The other game which had no bearing on any of the other positions was a 1-1 draw between Port Melbourne and Langwarrin. Bobby Lajonica scored for the Sharks whilst Caleb Nicholes for Langwarrin.

### Summary

Champions : Western Suburbs (Promoted to VPL)  
Runners-up : Springvale White Eagles (Promoted to VPL)

Second Last :  
Northcote City (Relegated to Division 2NW)  
Last: Altona East Phoenix (Relegated to Division 2 NW)  
Third Bottom :  
Bentleigh Greens (Play-off against the winner of Keilor Park

### PLAY-OFF DETAILS

Keilor Park  
v  
Southern Stars  
Anderson Park, Doncaster  
Saturday 16 Sep  
KO 3pm

Winner of above match to play Bentleigh Greens in Division One Play-Off game the following week at Port Melbourne's ground.

Western Suburb veteran  
Tom Markovski will be looking to lead  
the charge for the Ralph Reserve outfit  
in the Vodafone Cup next season



### STATE ONE SENIORS - FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs SC	22	12	7	3	36	18	43
Springvale White Eagles SC	22	11	6	5	30	22	39
Langwarrin SC	22	8	10	4	41	23	34
North Geelong Warriors SC	22	8	10	4	42	38	34
North Coburg United SC	22	7	9	6	29	21	30
St. Albans Saints SC	22	7	9	6	29	26	30
Dandenong Thunder SC	22	7	7	8	28	32	28
Port Melbourne Sharks SC	22	5	10	7	26	33	25
Brunswick City SC	22	6	6	10	31	45	24
Bentleigh Greens SC	22	5	8	9	24	28	23
Northcote City SC	22	4	8	10	20	31	20
Altona East Phoenix SC	22	2	10	10	15	34	16

St. Albans Saints 3 (M Medugarac, D Dragic, D Viskovic)  
Northcote City 3 (H Kinigopoulos, A Rauf (Samad)) (HT: 2-2)

Western Suburbs 5 (T Antoniadis, A Stojovski, Z Cvetkovski, R Castro, L Rizzo) North Geelong Warriors 1 (D Cervinski) (HT: 4-0)

Bentleigh Greens 1 (B Cogger) North Coburg United 0 (HT: 0-0)

Altona East Phoenix 2 (S Di Gioacchino, A Adem) Brunswick City 2 (B Stafrace) (HT: 1-1)

Springvale White Eagles 1 (M Tidd) Dandenong Thunder 2 (P Wilson, J Heard) (HT: 1-1)

Port Melbourne 1 (B Lajonica) Langwarrin 1 (C Nicholes) (HT: 1-0)

### STATE ONE RESERVES - FINAL STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland City SC	22	14	5	3	58	20	47
Lalor United SC	22	13	5	4	49	30	44
Altona City SC	22	11	7	4	38	18	40
Thomastown Devils SC	22	11	7	4	47	29	40
Pascoe Vale SC	22	10	9	3	29	21	39
Keilor Park SC	22	9	9	4	45	19	36
Westvale SC	22	9	4	9	39	41	31
Maribyrnong Greens SC	22	6	6	10	33	48	24
Westgate FC	22	4	8	10	30	32	20
Williamstown SC	22	5	5	12	36	49	20
Yarraville Glory FC	22	4	3	15	18	65	15
Banyule City SC	22	1	2	19	20	70	5

Thomastown Devils 1  
Moreland City 3

Lalor United 1  
Pascoe Vale 1

Keilor Park 5  
Yarraville Glory 0

Westvale 3  
Maribyrnong Greens 1

Altona City 2  
Williamstown 0

Westgate 4  
Banyule City 0





# BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric



Oasis: Went looking for some action but all they was cigarettes and alcohol...and Del Piero

Oakleigh has gone out in straight sets, no doubt prompting the annual debate of whether we need to conduct a finals series. As a traditionalist I have always been inclined to say no. Victoria was one of the last states to emulate the Australian Rules Football and Rugby codes by bringing in the finals. Still, you know at the start of the season what you have to do to be crowned champions, and that's win the Grand Final, not finish on top of the table by however many points.

The other contentious issue with the finals series has been the selection of venues. In an effort to give spectators the best facilities to watch the games in, the FFV opted to use Bob Jane and Knights Stadiums for all games. The spectators, however failed to turn out in such numbers as to justify this move. Oakleigh's Jack Edwards Reserve probably can't handle a crowd of more than 3000 or so, but if they (and other higher placed teams) are not going to draw anywhere near that figure perhaps they should have been allowed to play their games at home. Crowd numbers have been down this season, and it isn't solely due to the state of clubs facilities. You could play a Vodafone Cup game at Telstra Dome but that wouldn't mean you would get any more than two thousand or so fans,

and that's the best facility there is. Maybe the FFV should look at allowing the higher placed teams to host games, with the discretion to move a match to a larger venue if they feel crowd demand requires it.

Wet weekend in the A League. Slipping and sliding failed to produce any goals in the Central Coast Mariners v Queensland Roar game. Melbourne Victory handled the conditions well to record a 3-0 win at New Zealand Knights and take top spot on the ladder. Danny Allsopp continues to defy the knockers and goal-machine skipper Kevin Muscat netted again as well. The match was light on Brazilians, with Fred suspended on video evidence during the week. It was also light on vision, with the camera soon covered in raindrops which were not cleared until half-time.

Crowds at both those games were pretty poor. Perhaps those cities need to develop a stadium with a roof on it. But they are far from being the greatest sporting cities in the world like we are, so I can see why they haven't done so.

Katsa, time to ammend your coaching changes scoreboard to include the National Team. Graham Arnold is for the tip, and I'm not talking him up for the Kingston City job. A 0-2 loss, albeit in a meaningless game with qualification already achieved, in the midweek Asian Cup qualifier in Kuwait has to be a nail in the coffin. If we were applying Vodafone Cup-level ruthlessness, he would have been sacked at half time.

Last week I declared that Craig Foster had gone mad. This week I pose the question of another former Soccerroo media performer - was Paul Wade ever sane?

I came across an interesting quote from Alessandro Del Piero. "Noel Gallagher did ask me to go to Manchester because we're friends through music. I dee-jay and we have the same record label. He gave me my gold disc and came to the World Cup semi-final. He's my lucky mascot" If Noel Gallagher managed to convince Del Piero to sign for Manchester City, would he himself have taken over the managerial reigns at City and brought in more players through his connections?

You need to find a way for what you want to say.

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## A QUESTION OF SPORT

1/ Which Newcastle Jets player had a short stint with the St Albans Saints last year?

2/ Which one of the following has not won a English Championship winners medal?

a) Robbie Slater b) Harry Kewell  
c) Craig Johnston d) Mark Bosnich

Refer to question 2

3/ From which state does the 2005

Women's National championship winner, "The Sting" hail from?

4/ Including "A" games and friendlies, who coached the Soccerroos the most times? a) Frank Arok b) Frank Farina  
c) Eddie Thompson d) Terry Venables

5/ Legend Branko Buljevic was playing for which Victorian team when he represented Australia at the 1974 World Cup?

6/ Who was named as the inaugural A-league 2005-06 Coach of the Year?

7/ How many times did Archie Thompson score to finish top scorer for Victory last year?

8/ Which two teams have won promotion to next year's Vodafone Cup?

9/ Who won the recent U20 Women's World Cup in Russia?

10/ Who played in goal for Australia against Kuwait?



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Blayney Rovers ('95). Bosnich with  
Man Utd ('00) and Johnston with  
Liverpool ('82/'83/'84/'86/'88).  
3. Queensland  
4. Frank Arok with 89 Thompson  
5. Korea DPR  
6. White Eagles  
7. Western Suburbs and Springvale  
8. Eight goals  
9. Blayney Rovers ('95). Bosnich with  
Man Utd ('00) and Johnston with  
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# WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE *The Finals*



## Box Hill Makes It Inter Grand Final Again!

For the first time since introducing finals, Cranbourne Comets will not be a participant, as its finals campaign ended in a thriller with Heidelberg United. Box Hill Inter kept up its 100 per cent Grand Final record as it accounted for Ashburton. The weekend's results mean that the top three teams from the home and away season are the three that remain in the hunt for the Premiership.

Box Hill Inter qualified for its third straight Vodafone WPL Grand Final when it defeated Ashburton by two goals to nil in front of about 300 spectators at the Veneto Club on Saturday afternoon.

As expected between two sides that have battled it

out for top spot in the WPL all season, there was little between to separate the teams. They were still locked goalless at half time, but Box Hill's experience shone through after the interval as it scored twice to secure its second victory over Ashburton this season. Box Hill's top goalscorer Belinda Pacella and last season's Gold Medalist Georgia Koutrouvelis provided the goals that were the difference between the sides and give Inter another week off. The minor premier has taken the most direct route to the Grand Final, needing just one match to secure its place in the season decider.

Ashburton will be aiming to meet Box Hill in that final game, but first it must negotiate the challenge of Hei-

delberg United, which defeated Cranbourne Comets in the First Semi Final at Knights Stadium on Sunday.

Heidelberg United triumphed in a nailbiter against Cranbourne Comets in the do-or-die match at Knights Stadium, as it was forced to play for 120 minutes for the second successive week. It was a game filled with controversy, as Heidelberg claimed to have broken the deadlock in the second half, but the ball was ruled not to have completely crossed the goal line. With neither side able to find the net in regulation time, the match was forced into extra time, the second time in as many games for United. Ten minutes into the additional period, Meghan Archer scored the decisive goal, which

ended Cranbourne's quest for a third straight Grand Final.

Heidelberg United will now take on Ashburton at Bob Jane Stadium next Saturday afternoon, hoping to avoid a repeat of last weekend's match, when Ashburton was victorious on penalties. Whoever succeeds in that match will be a Grand Final debutante, and will face a tough challenge against a Box Hill side with plenty of finals experience.

By Niki Cook



### WPL Semi Final Box Hill 2 - 0 Ashburton

Box Hill Inter is through to its third successive Vodafone Women's Premier League Grand Final after a convincing 2-0 win over Ashburton in their Semi-Final clash at the Veneto Club on Saturday.

Goals to Belinda Pacella and Georgia Koutrouvelis inside the first two minutes of the second half earned Inter the right to defend its title in a fortnight's time.

Box Hill lined up at full strength after a week's break, whilst Ashburton, coming off a tough game against Heidelberg the previous week, had two notable omissions from its best eleven - injury consigning defensive lynchpin Rosie Bureta and Young Matilda Amy Jackson to the bench.

Andrea Totsidis, scorer of Ashburton's winning penalty last week, moved from her more familiar midfield role to deputise for Bureta, and was im-

mediately in the thick of the action and at the centre of controversy.

Totsidis appeared to handle Chrissy Baxendale's goal-bound strike on the line after the Box Hill midfielder had peeled to the back post from a corner, but the referee waved away the voracious Inter appeals.

After a nervous opening, Inter was quickest to settle and began to ask questions of the re-cast Ashburton defence.

Koutrouvelis drew a fumble from Ashburton goalkeeper Antoinette Santacaterina with a stinging long-range effort, while Amanda Lawless blasted over the bar after finding room at the top of the penalty area.

Ashburton had failed to capitalise on two uncharacteristic errors by the Box Hill defence early in the half, but for the most part, Annabelle Gibney and Seyma Erenli had been forced to feed on scraps and were well held.

In the shadows of half time, Jessica Humble had

two good chances to open the scoring for Inter. Collecting from Anthea Vardakas, Humble launched a fearsome low strike which smashed into the advertising hoardings to the left of the Ashburton goal, whilst 4 minutes later, she squandered a gift from Baxendale inside the six-yard box, sending a weak right-foot shot over the bar.

Inter lifted its intensity once again after the break - with immediate results.

On 46 minutes, Chrissy Baxendale drove a low ball across the front of the six-yard box which Santacaterina and the Ashburton defence inexplicably allowed to roll through to Pacella, who gratefully accepted the easiest of put-aways.

And on its next forward thrust, Vardakas' defence-splitting through ball found Aleksandra Sinclair, who raced to the by-line before picking out Koutrouvelis making a front-post run - the hard-working Inter midfielder finishing emphatically to double the advantage.

Ashburton coach Chris Michail introduced Jackson

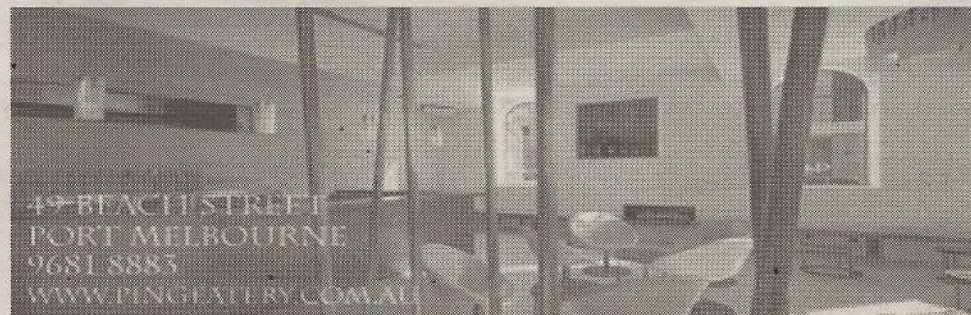
from the bench, and the forward immediately took on the Inter defence with a mazy run before Daniela Digiammarco stepped in to dispossess her on the edge of the box.

Koutrouvelis continued her outstanding second half with a piercing long ball that found Lawless on the break, but Santacaterina made a fine save at point-blank range to deny Inter a third.

On 75 minutes, Ashburton had its best chance of the game when Gibney lashed a stinging shot on the turn which would have found the net had it not been brilliantly tipped around the post by Barbieri.

It was Ashburton's last real threat on the Inter goal, and they must now overcome Heidelberg United in next week's Preliminary Final to have any hope of breaking Box Hill's three-year stranglehold on the WPL Championship.

By George Egonidis.  
Photos by John Punshon



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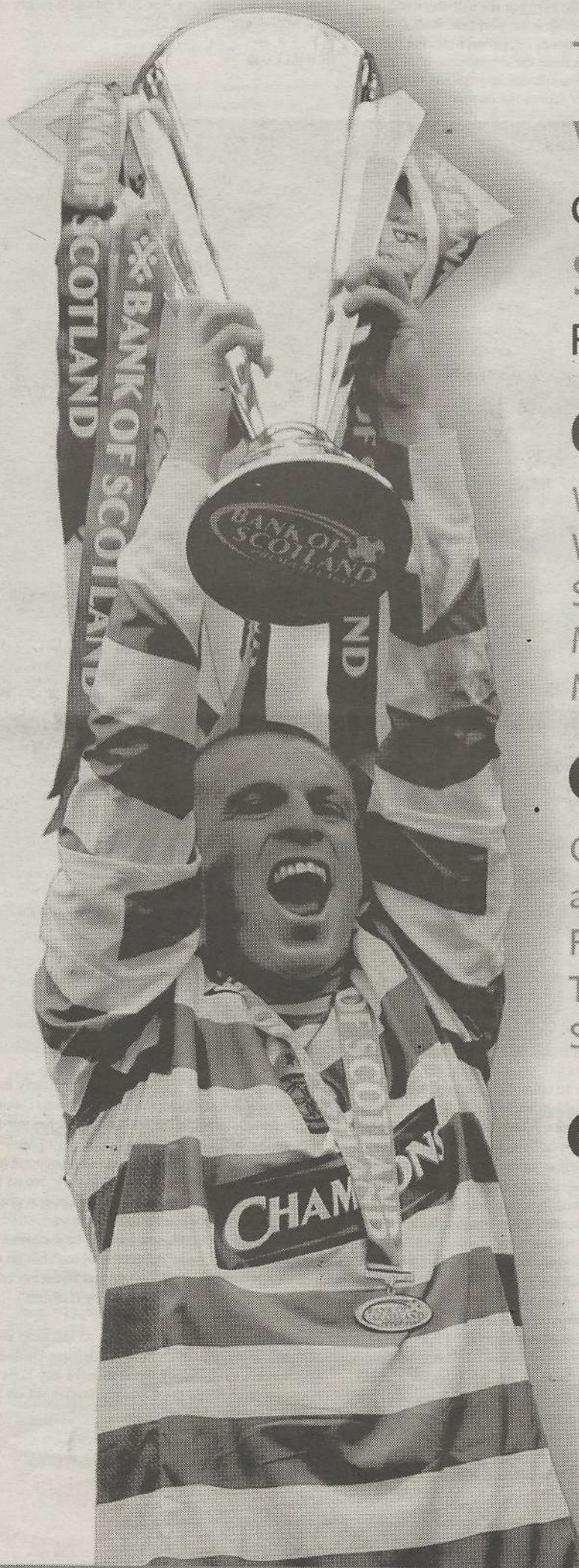


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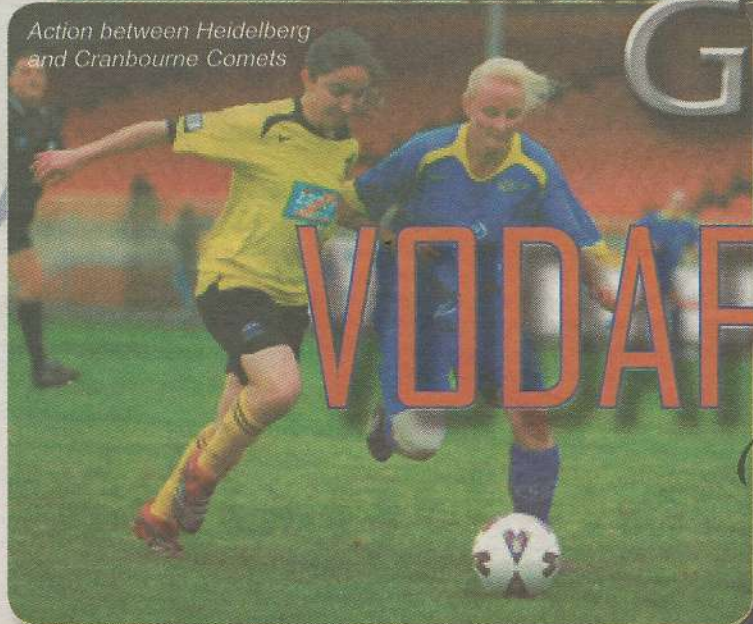




Heidelberg's Sebastian Petrovic goes out of his way to get the ball



The South boys celebrate one of Gianni Denittis goal against Altona



Action between Heidelberg and Cranbourne Comets

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## VODAFONE CUP

### The Finals

Action between Box Hill and Ascham in the Women's Finals



Heidelberg's Nick Sabljak combats in the rain



Altona's Sash Becvinovski stumbles over Dean Anastasiadis



Heidelberg keeper Lou Acevski flies high to deny any goal celebrations from Oakleigh





## Perth and Sydney Share The Points



**Perth Glory have come from behind to claim a point against Sydney FC in an entertaining 1-1 draw at Members Equity Stadium on Sunday.**

Sasho Petrovski gave the visitors the lead in the 37th minute with a well-taken header before Jamie Coyne equalised with a header of his own in the 70th minute. Both sides had the chance to snatch all three points late in the match, but neither could capitalise as the match ended in a deserving tie.

It was the fourth league encounter between Sydney and Perth, with the Glory still yet to taste success against the inaugural champion.

Sydney entered the match without several of its stars, including Mark Rudan (suspended), Alex Brosque (ankle), Robbie Middleby (broken collarbone), David Carney (shoulder) and Jacob Timpano (groin), leaving coach Terry Butcher with just 13 senior players to choose from before the club signed Matthew Bingley and Joel Thissen on short-term deals.

On the other hand, Perth's disastrous run with injury and illness during the pre-season has come to an end, with only Bobby Despotovski (back) and Mark Robertson (groin) unavailable.

In a fast-paced start to the match, Perth keeper Aleks Vrteski was forced into action in the 10th minute when Alvin Ceccoli found himself open with a

free shot on goal, but the defender's sizzling shot from just inside the box was well-saved by the Young Socceroo.

Two minutes later, it was Perth's turn to attack and a clever flick from veteran striker Stuart Young found the fast-moving Leo Bertos, but his low-drilled shot drifted agonisingly wide of the post.

Stan Lazaridis and Young each tried their luck from long range but to no avail as the tempo of the match hit a lull with neither side able to penetrate the other's defence.

That was until Petrovski almost broke the deadlock in the 33rd minute, the striker rising high above Jamie Hamwell to reach Ufuk Talay's corner only to see his header crash into the crossbar.

But it mattered little as just four minutes later the Sydney striker had his goal. Steve Corica ran hard down the right wing and his precise cross found Petrovski open at the far post, and the former Qantas Socceroo made no mistake with his header this time as he easily beat Vrteski.

The Glory started the second-half full of run as they pushed hard for the equaliser, and it almost came in the 60th minute after a piercing run down the left by Lazaridis.

Coyne met Lazaridis' cross, but under pressure was unable to head it home as the ball drifted safely over the crossbar.

But similar to Petrovski, Coyne was given a second chance shortly after and he made no mistake with it this time.

Bertos fired in the cross but Sydney keeper Clint Bolton slipped after moving off his line to try to meet it, leaving an open goal which Coyne took full advantage of.

The goal lifted the Glory as their home fans roared to life, but Naum Sekulovski wasted a golden chance just



a minute later after a steaming run into the box.

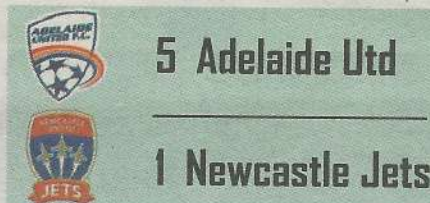
With all the momentum, Perth continued to attack, but the match threatened to boil over in the 75th minute when Mark Milligan brought down Bertos. Colosimo remonstrated with the Sydney defender, resulting in a yellow card to both Milligan and Colosimo.

The visitors were soon celebrating in the 77th minute when Corica nudged the ball into the back of the net

after Milligan had struck a powerful shot, but their celebrations were cut short with the offside flag raised high in the air.

In a thrilling finish to the match both sides had great chances to snare the win but the best fell to Young, whose powerful left-foot strike crashed into the side netting.

## Adelaide Lets Loose on Jets



**Adelaide United has recorded its first win of the season with an emphatic 5-1 victory over the Newcastle Jets at Hindmarsh Stadium on Friday.**

A heavy downpour of rain swept across the venue only minutes before kick off but the slippery conditions didn't stop United showing the class that saw them claim the pre-season title.

The home side blew the game apart with three goals in 27 minutes and then regrouped and reloaded in the second half to record their first victory of season.

The result was the perfect way to celebrate Ang Costanzo's 250th national league game and the club's first home game of the season.

Costanzo was at his best in defence, especially when the pressure was on in the second half, but his efforts were overshadowed by the flood of attacking highlights.

Fernando Rech and Shengqing Qu showed some of their best form for the season while Bobby Petta's creative second-half cameo gave the crowd of 8785 a taste of what he might produce during the season ahead.

A composed Rech volleyed a Jason Spanuolo free kick from close range to record Adelaide's first goal in the eighth minute.



Just nine minutes later the South Australian side stamped their authority on the contest when Robert Cornthwaite scored goal number two.

A calculated and curling 30-metre free kick from Ross Aloisi cannoned into the cross bar and saw Jets goalkeeper Ben Kennedy dive and hit the ground. This allowed Cornthwaite to head a looping ball home from within the penalty box.

The third score - a Qu special - came in the 27th min-

ute. The Chinese striker was deadly accurate with a long-range free kick, avoiding an opposition wall of defenders and the outstretched left hand of Kennedy to register a memorable goal.

The three highlights were a fair reward for a dominant half of football. Rech and Qu embarrassed the opposition's defence on a number of occasions while Spanuolo also beat the keeper after a deft touch from Qu but was called off-side.

Newcastle had limited opportunities in the half and lacked the polish to worry the home side's defence.

With nothing to lose, the Jets appeared a more relaxed and aggressive outfit early in the second half.

They were rewarded in the 52nd minute with Mark Bridge scoring his side's first goal.

Bridge found space and a well-weighted pass allowed him to lob the ball over United keeper Robert Bajic from close range.

Bajic was put under pressure minutes later with a sloppy defensive pass leaving him one-on-one with a Jets opponent.

It was the first time Adelaide looked under the pump but the pressure valve was released when a shocking defensive error from the visitors put the result beyond doubt.

Qu and Andrew Durante wrestled for position as the ball neared the penalty box. The ball spilled free from the contest and dribbled past Kennedy.

With the game in their keeping, United sealed the victory with Rech's second close-range goal for the contest.

The shot (73rd minute) was set up by recruit Petta who showed great control to move the ball down the left side to find a hungry Rech.

Newcastle had plenty of chances to hit back but lacked the composure and control to hurt its opposition.

By Marcus Wilson, Courtesy of FFA

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## Impressive Victory Hits The Heights



Archie Thompson skips past Knights keeper Danny Milosevic to open his 2006 account

**0 NZ Knights**

**3 MVFC**

Melbourne has maintained its flawless start to the A-League season as they thumped competition surprise packet New Zealand Knights 3-0 at North Harbour Stadium on Sunday.

A stunning first half performance inspired the league leaders, as the side piled on three goals inside 35 minutes.

Leading marksman Danny Allsopp opened the scoring for the Victory inside 10 minutes, finding the back of the net after latching onto a ball fed by Archie Thompson.

Victory's prolific forward pairing again linked 13 minutes later, this time with Allsopp the provider before Kevin Muscat completed the rout in the 35th minute as he headed home a Kristian Sarkies free-kick.

The win capped off an oscillating week for Victory, who basked in the afterglow of a record crowd at the Telstra Dome last Saturday, before crashing back to earth with a thud midweek following the three match suspension of Brazilian star Fred.

For the Knights, the loss was compounded by an ankle injury to former South Melbourne defender Jonas Salley, who was stretched off the park in the game's early stages with damaged ankle ligaments.

Having proved to be one of the finds of the A-League so far this season, bullocking Ghanaian Malik Buari looked menacing early, and in the sixth minute, played a brilliant low cross which just evaded an outstretched Jonti Richter at the near post.

But despite the early scare, Allsopp soon opened the scoring in the ninth minute with his third strike of the season, coolly placing the ball past Danny Milosevic in the Knights goal, after an intricately worked move through the midfield.

As Sarkies latched onto a ball by captain Kevin Muscat, the one-time Socceroo played a deft ball that found Archie Thompson on the edge of the area, who made no mistake as his showed much composure to play the ball into the path of Allsopp.

In the absence of Brazilian duo Alessandro and Fred, the Victory were expected to struggle in penetrating the final third of the park, but the side had no such troubles with Sarkies and Thompson looking lively.

The Knights soon suffered another blow after a quarter of an hour, when Ivorian revelation Salley was substituted after suffering an ankle injury.

The loss of the New Zealand's midfield anchorman forced a reshuffle in the middle of the park from which

the team were unable to recover.

With the weather conditions bordering on treacherous, Melbourne adapted best to the environment and soon doubled their advantage on 22 minutes, when Allsopp and Thompson again combined.

The league's top scorer played a delicate through-ball that sent Thompson in on goal, and the ex-PSV Eindhoven squad member was able to skilfully round an oncoming Milosevic before threading the proverbial eye of a needle, slotting the ball home from the tightest of angles.

The intrepid midfield pairing of Grant Brebner and Muscat dominated proceedings, with their hard tackling and pinpoint ball distribution a highlight of their performance.

Woeful marking in the area led to Melbourne securing a third goal after 35 minutes, as a whipped free-kick from the right flank by Sarkies was nodded home with ease by Muscat, who was able to simply waltz into the penalty box unattended.

Although the Knights were a reinvigorated unit in the second stanza, they still seemed suspect at the back as the side pushed forwards in waves in an attempt to erode Victory's lead.

However, 10 minutes into the half, a mazy run by Thompson almost exploited New Zealand's lack of defensive cover, but a last ditch tackle in the penalty area scuppered the Socceroo's attempt.

The ex-Lierse star split the defence open again in the 62nd minute with a wondrous ball that found Allsopp, but the attacker was unable to convert this time around, shooting across the face of goal.

Thompson had seemingly cured himself of a post-World Cup hangover that resulted in numerous ineffective performances early in the season, regaining his gilt-edged touch and finesse, while looking ominous with his darting runs.

As the Knights sought to find a lifeline, a Jonti Richter strike was the closest they came to cutting into Melbourne's lead, with former Evertonian Scot Gemmill toiling away in the midfield to no avail.

South African-born Richter was refused to lie down despite the deficit, and would have found the back of the net in the final ten minutes if not for an intervention by Theoklitos.

The win propels Melbourne to outright first on the table, as they return to Olympic Park next week to battle nemesis the Central Coast Mariners, while New Zealand travel to Suncorp Stadium to face second placed Queensland Roar.

By Simon Chiarelli  
Player ratings by Teo Pellizzerri

### NZ KNIGHTS

**Danny Milosevic (6):** Went to ground too early for Thompson's goal, but was otherwise left exposed by his defenders on a bad day at the office.

**Darren Bazeley (6):** Came back into the game in the second half, but was embarrassed by Allsopp and Thompson's movement and passing interchanges.

**Gregory Duruz (6):** Ineffective performance out wide, going down the flanks on a wet day not working for Melbourne early, so they stuck to the centre.

**Che Bunce (5):** Like Bazeley, was left behind by the movement of the Melbourne attacking third.

**Neil Emblen (5):** Failed to mark Muscat for the third goal, and was generally unaccountable following the Melbourne captain around the park.

**Richard Johnson (5):** Poor day in midfield capped off by a yellow card for dissent with just minutes remaining.

**Scot Gemmill (5):** Unable to exert any influence on the pitch, ironic given the Scotsman should have been at home with the conditions.

**Sean Devine (5):** Miserable day up forward, playing the full game and failing to

put a shot on the target.

**Jonti Richter (5):** Only two chances fell his way, and one was sent horribly high over the bar.

**Jonas Salley (N/R):** Off injured after 12 minutes, before being able to exert any influence on the contest.

**Malik Buari (5):** Couldn't keep his feet and went to ground trying to pass and cross on numerous occasions.

Substitutes

**Michael White (6):** Put in a battling performance, but endeavour couldn't make up for the difference in skill between the two sides.

**Sime Kovacevic (6):** On late for a look at the big time, and at least kept the rearguard action going through to the final whistle.

Unused Substitutes

Mark Paston

Adam Casey

### MVFC

**Michael Theoklitos (7):** Only really in danger on one occasion, and got to the feet of Richter with good technique to ensure Melbourne kept the Knights scoreless.

**Kevin Muscat (8):** Another goal and constantly maritalling the troops from midfield. Another bold captain's performance.

**Daniel Piorkowski (7):** Put his big body to good effect in the first half but drifted in and out of the match after half time.

**Rodrigo Vargas (7):** The clean sheet was a testament to his tactical organisation, a distinct improvement on the hectic second half against Sydney last week.

**Steve Pantelidis (7):** Came off with the dirtiest kit after putting his body on the line all day...only robbed of a higher rating by the fact his work nullified a toothless New Zealand attack rather than a good outfit.

**Daniel Allsopp (9):** Would have been expecting a tough battle with Bazeley, but used his superior pace to interchange with Thompson early and grab a goal and an assist.

**Archie Thompson (9):** All the flash and flair was back. A goal, an assist, and a super performance.

**Kristian Sarkies (7):** Worst possible day for a skill-based player to come in, but still had the quality to deliver an assist for Melbourne's third goal.

**Adrian Leijer (7):** Another battling performance in the back line, showing superior fitness to run out the full 90 minutes.

**Simon Storey (7):** Got forward in a meaningful way in the first half, but a few rash challenges saw him in the book after the interval.

**Grant Brebner (7):** Staved off an early injury scare to battle out a solid 70 minutes, continuing his consistent start to the season.

Substitutes

**Vince Lia (6):** Came on with the string already out of the game, and on a heavy pitch was unable to use his pace to good effect.

**Claudio (6):** Nothing says unworkable like a rainy day in New Zealand, and Samba Magic.

**Adrian Caceres (N/R):** On with only thirty seconds to go.

Unused Substitutes

Eugene Galekovic

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# HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

## Roar Hold Mariners At Home



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The Central Coast Mariners and the Queensland Roar have produced their fourth draw in as many matches in the A-League after it finished 0-0 in atrocious conditions at Bluetongue Central Coast Stadium, Gosford on Saturday night.

Just under 5,000 fans braved the cold, wet and windy conditions to watch a match marred by a waterlogged field as both sides created a number of chances but were unable to score. Mariners attacking midfielder Tom Pondeljak was the unluckiest player on the night, twice denied by the woodwork.

"I thought the players from both sides handled the conditions very well," said Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna.

"Every now and then you got a bit excited when something seemed to be on then a puddle would pop up. But there were no really silly tackles that can happen in conditions like that."

"It was definitely a far better performance from us... we hit the woodwork a few times and needed a bit of luck to get a goal... but overall, we are happy with the performance."

The Mariners lived up to their name by settling into the conditions better from the outset but the first full-blooded strike came from Queensland's Simon Lynch, who beat two defenders wide out on the left flank and struck a low driving shot at the near post. But Mariners keeper Danny Vukovic dived low to safely hold the ball.

Just moments later, the Mariners created something out of nothing when forward Adam Kwasnik laid off to skipper Noel Spencer, who fired a shot from 30 metres out, but Liam Reddy was able to smother the ball and keep it out.

Queensland's Matthew McKay went close in the 38th minute when his shot from 15 yards out took a deflection off a Mariners defender and almost wrong-footed



Vukovic in the Central Coast goal, but he produced a fine reflex save to stop the ball with his outstretched right leg.

Queensland came out with more venom in the second half and created a number of opportunities but was unable to put the ball into the back of the net.

Vukovic easily saved Dario Vidovic's free kick from 30 metres out, Brazilian striker Reinaldo should have done better when he was gifted the ball inside the Mariners penalty area and Lynch, who had been causing the Mariners defence some headaches down the right hand side, pushed his shot wide when one-on-one with the Central Coast keeper.

But the home team weathered the storm and probably should have taken the lead just after the hour mark.

Pondeljak, looking sharp after getting a call up to the starting team for the first time, went agonisingly close to scoring in the 64th minute when his chip shot from the right-hand corner of the penalty area beat Redd only to hit the crossbar and bounce back into play. Petrie's follow-up shot was blocked by the Roar defence. Three minutes later, Spencer ran onto a ball but his

shot from 10 yards out was blocked by Sasa Ognjenovski before Petrie scuffed his shot from the edge of the penalty area and Reddy was able to make an easy save.

With seven minutes to go, Pondeljak was again denied by the crossbar after Vuko Tomasevic's free kick was parried by Reddy to the feet of the ever-ready Mariners midfielder who struck a fearsome shot that ricocheted off the underside of the bar.

Just two minutes later, Vukovic produced the save of the match when he was forced to dive full length to save a stinging shot from Lynch who had sprinted onto a ball in behind the Mariners.

Both sides tried hard for a winner but looked tired from the heavy conditions and settled for the draw.

By Mark Hughes, Courtesy of FFA

### Mariners Must Toughen Up

Central Coast Mariners coach Lawrie McKinna has said his side needs to get more ruthless if it is to start winning games in the Hyundai A-League.

Last year's A-League grand finalist, and the most consistent team of 2005/06, the Mariners have failed to win a match in the first three rounds of this season and McKinna puts it down to the fact that the Mariners are too nice.

"I don't think we are ruthless enough," said McKinna after the 0-0 draw against Queensland Roar on Saturday night.

"We are a wee bit too nice to play. I think we need to get a bit of mongrel. And that's not about kicking people - it is about working hard and having a good work ethic. We have got players who can play football."

The Mariners earned their first points for the season with the draw against the top-of-the-table Roar in atrocious conditions on the Central Coast. It was cold, wet and windy and the ground was saturated with large puddles across the field, making it very difficult to judge passes.

"I thought the players from both sides handled the conditions very well," said McKinna.

"Every now and then you got a bit excited when something seemed to be on then a puddle would pop up. But there were no really silly tackles that can happen in conditions like that."

Overall, McKinna was pleased with his team's performance and despite still not having scored a goal in the first three rounds of the 2006/07 season is satisfied where the team is at.

"Tonight we competed and done everything we set out to do," he said.

"We created chances and we hit the woodwork few times and just needed a bit of luck to get that goal but overall I am quite happy."

"It would worry me if we played like we did and we never created a chance - we could of easily had two or three goals tonight ... we are creating them so they are going to come. We are obviously disappointed but not worried."

And the affable coach also pointed out how close the league is with nothing separating the two teams even though the Roar is undefeated at the top of the table and the Mariners started the match as cellar-dwellers.

"All week we've been told they are the top of the league and we are the bottom of the league - if that is the difference between the top of the league and the bottom of the league then there was no difference out there tonight - we are looking alright."

### Round 3 Scoreboard

**Adelaide United 5 - 1 Newcastle Jets**  
Friday 8 September, Hindmarsh Stadium Crowd 8785

**Goals:** '8, '72 F.Rech (AU) '19 R.Cornthwaite (AU), '28 Q.Shengqing (AU), '52 M.Bridge (NJ), '65 A.Durante (og),  
**Yellow Cards:** '80 A.Durante

**Adelaide:** R.Bajic, A.Alagich (G.Owens 23), A.Costanzo, R.Aloisi, C.Veart, F.Rech (N.Burns 77), T.Dodd, A.Goulding, R.Cornthwaite, S.Qu, J.Spagnuolo (B.Petta 65)  
**Newcastle:** B.Kennedy, S.Eagleton, A.Durante, M.Thompson, V.Coveny, N.Carle, P.Okon (S.Musialik 67), L.Haliti 9A.D'Apuzzo 87), T.Ozbey (T.Ehrich 67), M.Bridge, S.Old

**Central Coast Mariners 0 - 0 Queensland Roar**  
Saturday 9 September, Central Coast Stadium Crowd: 4644

**Yellow Cards:** 'N.Spencer (CM), 'M.McKay (QR), '35 S.Ognjenovski (QR)

**Central Coast:** D.Vukovic, P.O'Grady, N.Spencer, A.Gumprecht, T.Pondeljak, S.Petrie (J.Hutchinson 78), T.Vidmar (J.McMaster 61), V.Tomasevic, M.Osman, A.Wilkinson, A.Kwasnik,

**Queensland:** L.Reddy, A.Packer, C.Gibson, J.McCloughan, S.Lynch, Reinaldo (A.Milicic 63), B.Griffin (M.Murdock 75), M.McKay, H.Seo, D.Vidovic (M.Wedua 69), S.Ognjenovski

**New Zealand Knights 0 - 3 Melbourne Victory**  
Sunday 10 September, North Harbour Stadium Crowd: 2071

**Goals:** '9 D.Allsopp (MV), '22 A.Thompson (MV) '36 K.Muscat (MV)  
**Yellow Cards:** '71 A.Thompson (MV), '75 S.Storey (MV), '86 R.Johnson (NK),

**New Zealand:** D.Milosevic, D.Bazeley, G.Duruz (S.Kovacevic 80), C.Bunce, N.Emblen, R.Johnson, S.Gemmill, S.Devine, J.Richter, J.Salley (M.White 16), M.Buari,

**Melbourne:** M.Theoklitos, K.Muscat, D.Piorkowski, R.Vargas, S.Pantelidis, D.Allsopp, A.Thompson, K.Sarkies, A.Leijer, S.Storey, G.Brebner

**Perth Glory 1 - 1 Sydney FC**  
Sunday 10 September, Members Equity Stadium, Crowd:

**Goals:** '36 S.Petrovski (SF), '69 J.Coyne (PG)  
**Yellow Cards:** '42 S.Corica (SF), '69 I.Fyfe (SF), '69 S.Colosimo (PG) '69 M.M.Milligan (SF), '80 J.Brockie (SF),

**Perth:** A.Vrtiski, D.Tarka, S.Colosimo, J.Hamwell, J.Christie (A.Webster 70), S.Lazaridis (L.Glavas 73), L.Bertos, A.Kovacevic, J.Coyne, S.Young, N.Sekulovski (M.Saric 76),

**Sydney FC:** C.Bolton, I.Fyfe (R.Zadkovic 70), A.Ceccoli, U.Talay, D.Zdrilic, S.Corica, S.Petrovski (J.Brockie 79), T.McFlynn, M.Milligan, N.Topor-Stanley, M.Bingley

### A-League Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Melbourne Victory	3	3	0	0	8	2	9
Queensland Roar	3	2	1	0	6	2	7
Sydney FC	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Perth Glory	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
New Zealand Knights	3	1	1	1	1	3	4
Adelaide United	3	1	0	2	5	4	3
CC Mariners	3	0	1	2	0	3	1
Newcastle Jets	3	0	1	2	3	8	1

Ernie Merrick with Victory goalkeeping coach Steve Mautone would be happy with the start Victory has had so far this season



### Round 4 Fixtures

Queensland Roar FC  
vs  
New Zealand Knights FC  
Fri 15 Sep 06  
Suncorp Stadium 8.00 pm

Adelaide United FC  
vs  
Perth Glory FC  
Sat 16 Sep 06  
Hindmarsh Stadium 7pm

Sydney FC  
vs  
Newcastle United FC  
Sun 17 Sep 06  
Aussie Stadium 3pm

Melbourne Victory FC  
vs  
Central Coast Mariners FC  
Sun 17 Sep 06  
Olympic Park 5.00 pm





# HYUNDAI A-LEAGUE

## Victory Lashes Out Over Fred Ban

Victory's Brazilian import Fred will sit out for three weeks for elbowing Sydney's Mark Milligan (below)



Melbourne Victory CEO Geoff Miles has hit out against a severe 3 match ban handed to Brazilian midfielder Fred by the Football Federation Australia.

Fred had been cited on a charge of violent conduct following an incident with Sydney defender Mark Milligan in the 59th minute of the Round 2 Hyundai A-League blockbuster at Telstra Dome.

Miles said that Fred had been convicted despite the club producing compelling video evidence from a different camera angle, which showed no contact was made at all to Milligan's face or throat.

"The video evidence we produced shows only the slightest contact to Milligan's chest and shoulder as Fred fended him off with a forearm as the defender moved in to block his path. It was purely a defensive reaction against a much bigger opponent," Miles said.

"We were extremely confident of Fred being cleared based on this new evidence, however it appears our extensive efforts to defend him have proven fruitless.

"Fred is a very experienced player who has never received a red card in his entire career and this decision is an unjustified blight on his character and his professionalism. To say the club is disappointed is an understatement.

"Fred is also a very skillful ball-player whose reputation has been unfairly tarnished by the extraordinary comments emanating from the Sydney FC camp this week," Miles said.

Victory called on the expert testimony of a bio-mechanics specialist, who claimed the video clearly shows Fred having to deviate from his path to the ball to avoid direct contact with the approaching Milligan.

Miles said the club would investigate all avenues of appeal against the decision.



## New Away Strip Unveiled In NZ Win



Melbourne Victory has revealed its new away strip for the 2006/07 Hyundai A-League season in its first match on the road against the New Zealand Knights at North Harbour Stadium on Sunday.

The new away strip features the much anticipated V for Victory design, with a silver strip that features a navy blue trim and a white V, the traditional sporting symbol of Victoria.

## Telstra Dome Crowd Applauded



40,000 fans turned out to watch Melbourne Victory defeat Sydney at the Telstra Dome last week

Melbourne Victory CEO Geoff Miles has praised the Hyundai A-League record crowd of 39,730 that packed the Telstra Dome to see Victory register their second consecutive win of the season against Sydney FC last week.

Miles said the club was thrilled with the response from the Victorian public, which saw the previous record for a Hyundai A-League home and away match beaten by over 14,000 in an entertaining match that was full of action and excitement.

The showcase contest against Melbourne's arch-rivals signalled that football fever has returned to Australia following the 2006 FIFA World Cup, where the Qantas Socceroos performed so well.

"We would like to thank Melbourne Victory members for their great support of our team on Saturday night and also the many thousands of other Melbourne Victory fans and Victoria's passionate sporting public that contributed to smashing the attendance record for the Hyundai A-League," Miles said.

"The amazing atmosphere generated by the crowd was a huge lift for our team, and naturally we were thrilled with the performance of our players in defeating last season's Hyundai A-League champion club, Sydney FC."

"The record crowd demonstrated that football and Melbourne Victory has truly arrived in Melbourne.

Miles also used the opportunity to urge supporters to sign-up as Victory members for the 2006/07 Hyundai A-League season to guarantee entry to all Melbourne home games at Olympic Park.

Nearly 10,000 fans have already pledged their support for Melbourne by purchasing a membership that gives them access to every Victory home game and priority access to finals tickets should Melbourne be part of the action.

"The huge demand from fans, both old and new, to attend a Melbourne Victory game, poses a significant challenge for us given our capacity of 18,000 at Olympic Park," Miles added.

"There are still plenty of excellent reserved seats available as part of a Melbourne Victory membership. Our growing membership is the most important support for the club and guarantees our fans the opportunity to attend games this year, and priority in our new stadium."

Supporters can become members by visiting the Victory Club Shop at 242 Lennox Street in Richmond, visiting [melbournevictory.com.au](http://melbournevictory.com.au) or by calling the membership hotline on 1300 783 013.

Melbourne returns to Olympic Park this Sunday 17th

September at 5:00pm when they take on Central Coast Mariners in Round 4 of the Hyundai A-League. Tickets are available from Ticketek.com or by calling 132 849.

## Benito Carbone Given Sydney Trial

SYDNEY, Sept 8 – Former English Premier League and Italian Serie A striker, Benito Carbone, is to be given a trial with Sydney FC.

This was announced by Sydney FC CEO Tim Parker. Overseas players may only guest for four weeks in Australia's A-League. Each club may employ two 'guests'. Before a final decision is made by the coaching and management staff, he has to undergo a trial first.

If his trial is successful then this signing will be seen as a stop-gap effort to compensate for the loss of Dwight Yorke to Sunderland in the English Championship League as well as injuries to two key players, namely David Carney and Robbie Middleby. Sydney FC were champions of last season's inaugural A-League.

The thirty five year old Carbone played for Aston Villa, Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday, Bradford and Derby County in England as well as Inter Milan, Parma and Napoli in the Italian Serie A.



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## WORLD FOOTBALL WRAP

## Eto'o Magic Earns Barca Max Points

BARCELONA, Sep 9- After a shaky performance in their nervy win over Celta to open the season, Barcelona showed their class and skill on Saturday as they cruised to a 3-0 win over Osasuna at Camp Nou.

The Blaugrana got off to a flying start as they went in front inside the opening minute, Samuel Eto'o latching onto a through ball from Ronaldinho before slotting into an empty net.

The Navarrans recovered, though, and nearly had an equalizer on 12 minutes when Iñaki Muñoz hit a thunderous volley that just missed wide of Víctor Valdés' goal.

However, Eto'o would extend Barça's lead in the 26th minute as he took advantage of another long ball, this time from the defense, before lobbing the ball over Ricardo and bagging his second.

Ten minutes later, Lionel Messi got in on the fun, securing his first goal of the season after Ricardo's attempted clearance only got as far as Eto'o, who proceeded to find the Argentine starlet in scoring position.

Barcelona continued their onslaught at the start of the second with Gianluca Zambrotta coming close and Messi hitting the post in his bid for a second goal.

With the fans trying to spur Eto'o towards the hat-trick, Osasuna's defense held out for the remainder of the match, but it was still a fantastic performance for the Spanish and European champions.

## Valencia take victory at Atletico

MADRID, Sep 9- Valencia CF have made it two out of two in their Primera Division campaign for this season, beating Atletico Madrid 0-1 in the Spanish capital city.

After their win over Betis in the opening round, Valencia travelled to Madrid to face Atletico at the Vicente Calderon stadium.

The only goal of the match came after just seven minutes, through last season's club top-scorer David Villa.

Valencia's Emiliano Moretti was red-carded in the 65th minute, but was followed by Atletico star player Fernando Torres in the 75th.

► VILLAREAL, Sep 9 - Villareal's Pascal Cygan will be out for two to three weeks with a muscle injury sustained in training.

The 32-year old defender signed for the Yellow Submarine from Arsenal on transfer deadline day.

► MADRID, Sep 8- Uruguayan striker Ernesto Chevantón will be out of action for up to five weeks after sustaining an injury to his back.

Sevilla only signed Chevantón this summer and the 26-year old has yet to play a Primera Liga match for his new club.

The South American now looks likely to miss both legs of Sevilla's UEFA Cup first round clash against Greek side Atromitos.

It is a stress injury to his vertebra that is keeping Chevantón on the sidelines.

► MADRID, Sep 8- The director general of Real Madrid has announced that Brazilian midfielder Kaka will one day play at the Bernabéu.

Madrid President Ramon Calderon had tried to sign Kaka this summer, but the 24-year old decided to stay in Milan and extend his contract.

"Kaka represented one of the promises made to our supporters by Calderon, who knows it would be important to have such a high-quality player on our team, he will come sooner or later," said Madrid's director Predrag Mijatovic.

"The player expressed his wish to come here and the complicated situation caused by the match-fixing scandal made me think that Kaka would finally land in Madrid."

"In the end, Milan did not allow him to leave and he preferred not to put any pressure on his club, which he is very fond of," he concluded.

► BELFAST, Sep 7- Spain midfielder David Albelda will not be playing for some time as result of a jaw bone fracture suffered against Northern Ireland on Wednesday.

The Valencia player got hit in the face in the 28th minute and will undergo examinations upon his return to Spain.

The match with Northern Ireland was surprisingly lost 3-2. It was the first time since the World Cup in 1982 that the men in green beat Spain.

## ITALY

## Internazionale beat Fiorentina

FIRENZE, Sep 9 (SW) - After taking a comfortable 0-3 lead at Fiorentina, Internazionale only just managed to secure a 2-3 win and earn their first three points of the season.

Argentinian Esteban Cambiasso took care of Inter's first two goals, netting in the 12th and 41st minutes. Swedish striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, who joined Inter from Juventus this summer, added a third just after the hour mark.

From here on, Fiorentina began a comeback. Forward Luca Toni scored for 1-3 in the 68th minute and the international striker would net a second, eleven minutes later.

'La Viola' pushed forward to score a third goal, but Internazionale maintained their 2-3 lead.

## Roma victorious in Serie A opener

ROME, Sep 9 (SW) - After appeals pushed the start of the Serie A season back, the 2006/07 Italian top flight finally got underway on Saturday as Roma claimed a 2-0 victory over Livorno at Stadio Olimpico.

With the match seemingly headed for the interval scoreless, Roma and Italy midfielder Daniele De Rossi fired the Giallorossi into the 1-0 lead with a powerful right-footed shot that beat Marco Amelia in the Livorno goal.

The home side should have made it 2-0 just after the restart when Mancini was brought down in the penalty area by Alessandro Grandoni, but Francesco Totti's spot kick was off the mark.

Mancini, though, was able to make up for the miss himself in the 54th minute as he tucked home the rebound after Amelia could only parry a shot from Rodrigo Taddei.

Next up for Roma is a home match in the Champions League on Tuesday against Ukrainian power Shakhtar Donetsk.

## Donadoni desperate for Totti

ROME, Sep 8- Under-fire Italy manager Roberto Donadoni is hoping to persuade Francesco Totti to make a return to the Azzurri ahead of schedule.

The former Livorno tactician is under serious pressure following the Azzurri's disastrous opening to qualification for Euro 2008, including a 1-1 home draw with Lithuania and a 3-1 defeat away to France.

Totti was quoted as saying only last week that he intended to sit out of matches for the Azzurri until the turn of the year, in an effort to get his body right after serious injury last term. But a desperate Donadoni has revealed he will pick the player for the next lot of matches in October against Ukraine and Georgia.

"Italy now need their champions and I trust that two or three of them will be at my disposal in October," explained the Azzurri boss.

"As for Totti, I know he last said he would not return until next year, but that is not what he had told me. We agreed to speak every once in a while to assess his physical condition.

"I will call him, as I will do with the other world champions who were not in Paris. I don't want all the attention focused on Totti, but Italy now really need him."

## Zaccheroni takes Torino post

► TURIN, Sep 8- Torino have replaced the sacked Gianni De Biasi with former Udinese and Milan boss Alberto Zaccheroni.

Club patron Urbano Cairo explained the reasons for De Biasi's departure, which was not a complete shock given the serious tension between the pair over the summer.

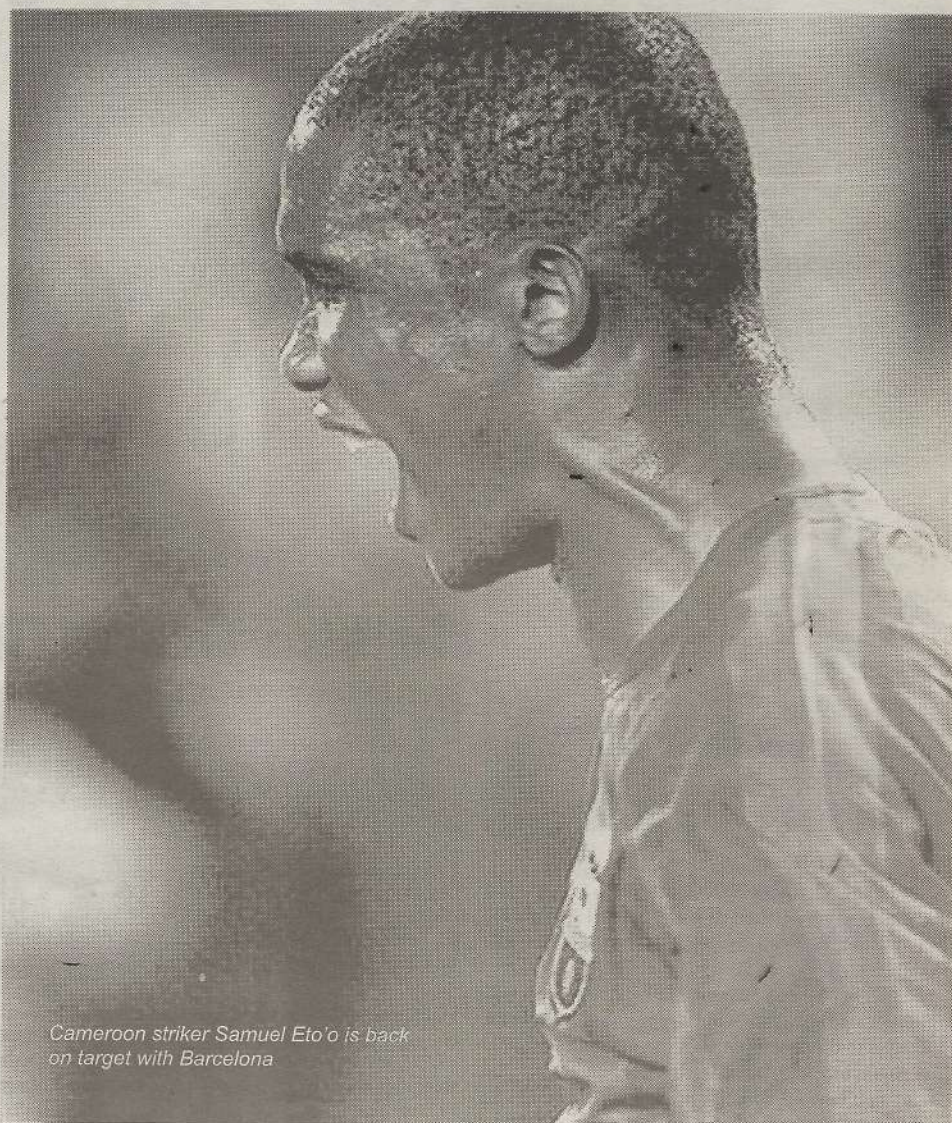
"I have been doubtful about Gianni for some months now, going way back into the last season," explained Cairo.

"As time passed, my doubts only seemed to grow. I want to highlight that these doubts are only about De Biasi as a tactician, not about him as a person.

"I don't want to go into further details as a sign of respect for De Biasi, but this was only my choice.

"I decided to take this step in the last few hours and I reached it without any suggestions from anybody else."

Speaking on the appointment of 'Zac,' Cairo says he



Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o is back on target with Barcelona

trusts the new manager.

"Zaccheroni needs no presentation. I only hope he adapts to the new environment so he can do well.

"We trust him and we were happy to offer him a two-year contract, which he accepted immediately with enthusiasm. He is eager to achieve important results with us."

Zaccheroni has welcomed his return to club management, but did feel sorry for the departed De Biasi.

"I am here because there is an ambitious project that I like," revealed Zaccheroni.

"I feel that the club is willing to fight for the top level positions and I told the players that I will be with them night and day.

"I am sorry for De Biasi, but I know that he is a professional and professionals are used to changes in our job."

## SCOTLAND

## Blazing Rangers torch Falkirk

GLASGOW, Sep 9- Boosted by the return of skipper Barry Ferguson, Rangers were in spirited form at Ibrox as they ran away 4-0 winners over hapless Falkirk on Saturday.

The home side went in front in style on 17 minutes as Manchester United loanee Phil Bardsley hit a marvelous free kick past Scott Higgins, and Dado Prso made it 2-0 just 11 minutes later with a strong finish from inside the area.

The second half got no better for Falkirk and they were 3-0 down in the 68th minute as Kris Boyd hit home from the penalty spot after being hauled down from behind by Darren Barr.

Belgian international Thomas Buffel then put the punctuation on the match 10 minutes later with a beautiful drive from distance that Higgins was helpless to stop. Elsewhere in the SPL, title contenders Hearts were dealt a major setback as they were beaten 1-0 at home by St. Mirren on a goal by Stewart Kean eight minutes from time.

## Vennegoor leads Celtic past Aberdeen

ABERDEEN, Sep 9- New Celtic striker Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink once again showed what he is capable of, scoring the winning goal against Aberdeen on Saturday.

The Boys were struggling at Aberdeen, and failed to score in the first half. In fact, Celtic would need until the 79th minute to break the deadlock.

Dutch forward Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink received the ball from Kenny Miller and struck into the lower right corner from about 18 meters.

Aberdeen could not reply and Celtic achieve their fourth victory of the season. The Glaswegians currently lead but might have to share that top spot again after Hearts' match with St. Mirren later on Saturday.

## Gravesen: 'I can play with Lennon'

GLASGOW, Sep 4- New Celtic signing Thomas Gravesen has rubbished suggestions that he will not fit into the same team as captain Neil Lennon.

The Dane insists that he is looking forward to working with Lennon and believes the ex-Leicester man's passing ability will see him operate more effectively than his time playing alongside Lee Carsley at Everton.

"Of course I can play with Neil. I can easily play with a guy who passes the ball that well," insisted Gravesen. "He will put me into situations where I can get involved in the game and drive forward. Neil will make me a stronger player.

"It was the same when I played with Lee Carsley at Everton. Neil is a better passer and makes a player like me better.

"He will protect the back four, me and the other guys on the park, so of course I can play with him. I'm 100 percent sure of that."

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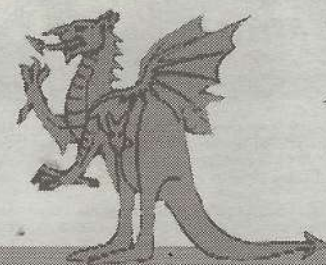
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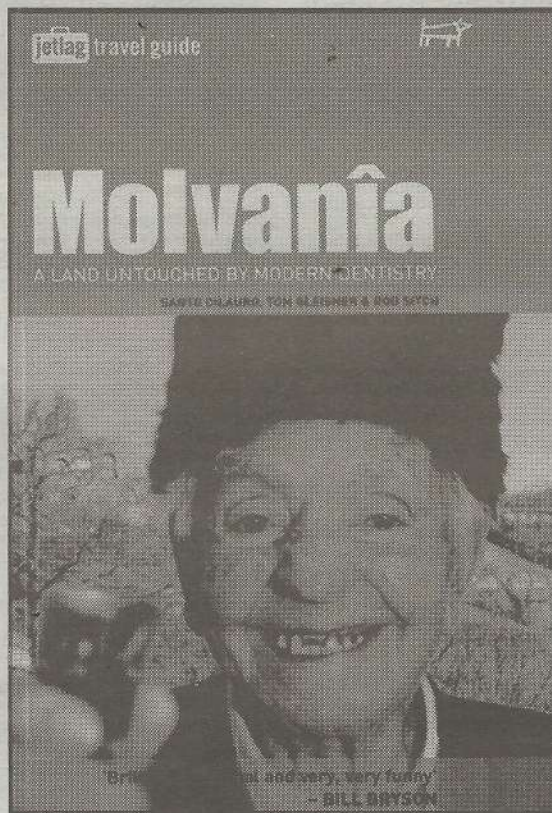


This week England beat Andorra 5-0, Scotland cruised past The Faroe Islands 6-0 and Germany trashed San Marino 13-0. The scores are ridiculous for international fixtures and emphasises the vast differences in teams competing in the Euro qualifiers...

A week of international games so early after the World Cup and soon into the domestic Premiership campaign is all too much. I find it hard to get excited, god only knows how the players manage to lift themselves and divert their focus and energy from their clubs, especially when they are faced with the likes of the mighty San Marino ranked 191st in the FIFA rankings. The international fixture commitment continually causes friction between club and country. England's recent friendly against Greece was held three days before the opening match of the season, followed by the latest two games against Andorra and Macedonia, three Premier league games into the season. You can fully understand why the club managers don't want their players to play international matches and risk injury. No sooner have they started to get match fit and regain the club spirit, they are enlisted into the international campaign to battle unlikely opponents.

The English FA abandoned the Home Nations competition against Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland because they believed it was a waste of their time playing lower level teams. Every two years European teams are grouped into World Cup or European Cup qualifications groups and have to play countries such as Andorra, which has a total population less than Man United's Old Trafford stadium holds.

The qualifying format for Euro 2008 consists of one group of eight teams (Group A) and six groups of seven teams (Group B-G). With the top two teams in each of the seven groups automatically go through to the finals. The 14 qualifiers join hosts Austria and



Switzerland who automatically qualify for the finals. Countries will have to play either 12 or 14 games in

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Azerbaijan (106)  
Iceland (106)  
Malta (122)  
Liechtenstein (124)  
Andorra (132)  
Kazakhstan (141)  
Faroe Islands (169)  
San Marino (191)  
Luxembourg (195)  
Molvania (253)?

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England...*

total to reach the finals. I believe there should be better seeding in the quali-

fying games, which should include a pre-qualifying stage for the smaller nations, in a similar fashion as with the FA Cup, UEFA cup and Champions League. The format could be as follows:

Stage 1. 16 countries enter the pre-qualifying two-legged knockout stage, competing for two places. This would currently include all teams below the rank of 73 (Moldova). The winners would play a total of six games.

Stage 2. 36 countries comprising of the two winners of Stage 1, and the remaining 34 European nations meet at the group stage. Nine groups of four meet twice each playing three games forming 'mini-tournaments' one in the summer and the other in winter. The top team from each group progresses to tournament finals, Group runners-up go to play-offs. All teams would play six games, plus an extra two for the play off finalists.

Stage 3. The tournament finals with 16 teams remain unchanged. To reach the finals a top seeded nation such as England would have played a total of six games, where Andorra may have played a maximum of 14. This system would free up the fixture congestion; allow a generous winter break (especially for non-international players), create the atmosphere mini-world cup style tournaments with quality oppositions and create longer periods of time for the National teams to bond together in a 'club spirit'. Now all I need to do is suggest it to UEFA without upsetting anyone from Northern Ireland (ranked 72nd) who just beat Spain (ranked 7th)!

By Richard Sucksmith

## UK FOOTBALL WRAP

### Man U Defeats Spurs

MANCHESTER, Sep 9- Manchester United defeated Tottenham Hotspur at Old Trafford in an even match. The win take United back to the top of the Premiership, with Ferguson's men retaining full points from the first four matches.

United started furiously, with two attempts by Cristiano Ronaldo saved by Paul Robinson. The goal fell after nine minutes, when Ryan Giggs demonstrated his good form by heading a Ronaldo cross into the net after Robinson failed to get the ball under control.

Tottenham fought back, but failed to score in an otherwise even match. Strikers Jermain Defoe and Mido both had chances for the deserved equaliser, as did young defender Michael Dawson who tried to chip Edwin van der Sar. The keeper looked robust when he palmed it away, and subsequently blocked Ledley King's rebound. A weak Mido header from a formidable Jenas cross was easy for the goalkeeper.

On the other side Saha failed to decide the game when he selfishly tried to score, with Ronaldo and Park Ji-Sung waiting in the box. He later had a bigger chance, but failed eye-in-eye with Robinson.

### Carvalho leads Chelsea past Charlton

LONDON, Sep 9- Champions Chelsea got off to a fast start and didn't look back as they sent London rivals Charlton Athletic to a 2-1 defeat at Stamford Bridge on Saturday afternoon.

Striker Didier Drogba fired the home side into the lead after six minutes when he tucked home after Michael Ballack had a header stopped on the line by defender Bryan Hughes.

Drogba nearly made it 2-0 minutes later with a shot from Shaun Wright-Phillips' service, but goalkeeper Scott Carson made a beautiful save before watching Ballack fire a shot high.

Despite comfortably controlling the action and dominating midfield, Charlton found themselves on level

terms in the 54th minute as ex-Blue Jimmy Floyd Hasebaink received a pass from Dennis Rommedahl before hitting a turning shot into the net.

The joy, however, lasted just six minutes for the Addicks as a wonderful free kick by Lampard found defender Ricardo Carvalho in the area, and his booming header eluded Carson and put Chelsea back in front. Charlton thought they were level when Darren Bent had a goal disallowed for handball, and Chelsea should have sealed it late from the spot, but Lampard's effort was saved by Carson.

### Arsenal held by Middlesbrough

LONDON, Sep 9- Arsenal are still without a single win in this Premiership season, after being held to a 1-1 draw by Middlesbrough at the Emirates Stadium.

'Boro even took the lead in the 21st minute, when James Morrison combined with Jason Euell to then put the ball past goalkeeper Jens Lehmann.

The visitors suffered a blow however when captain George Boateng conceded a second yellow card in the 64th minute.

Three minutes later, a foul on Emanuel Eboue allowed Thierry Henry to try his luck from the penalty spot and the French striker made no mistake, 1-1.

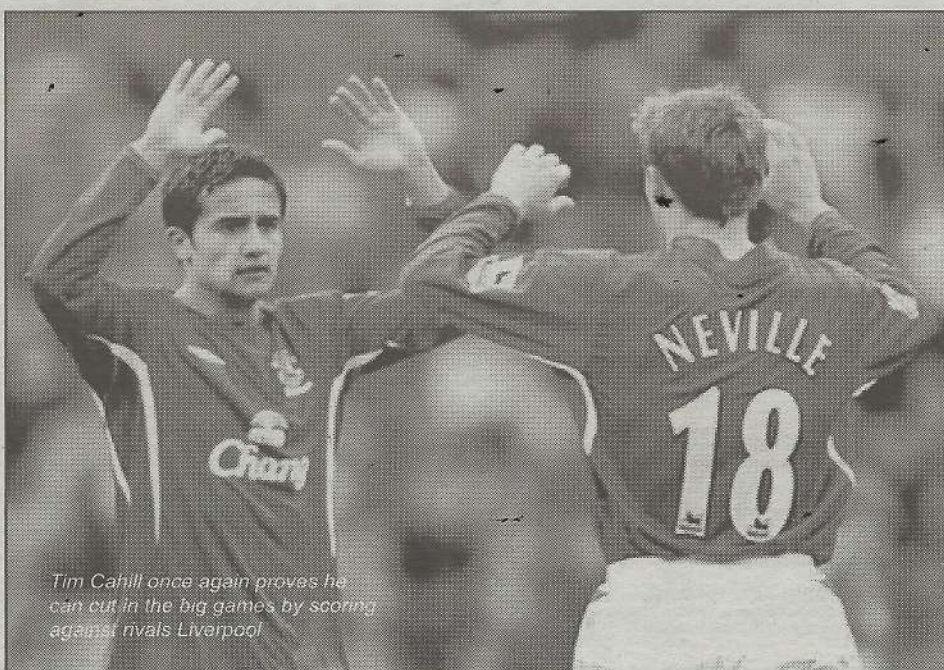
Arsenal have played three games this season, with two draws and a defeat as result.

### Everton smash Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, Sep 9- Two first-half goals helped Everton grab a home win in the 204th Merseyside derby, despite enormous pressure of arch rivals Liverpool in the second half. The win takes the Toffees to the top of the league after four games.

Liverpool immediately took to the offence with the first long range pop by Robbie Fowler after six seconds caught by Toffee goalie Tim Howard.

The goal came on the opposite side however. The Liverpool defence looked shaky from the start. Lee Cars-



ley headed an Arteta pass to Tim Cahill in the center of the area who drove the ball home after 24 minutes. Liverpool were denied shortly after, as Gerrard hit the post and a Hibbert hands-ball went unnoticed by the referee.

Liverpool was stunned, and Everton capitalised twelve minutes after the opening goal. This time Andrew Johnson took advantage of a bad error by Jamie Carragher. The striker did well to finish from a difficult angle in the bottom right corner, sending the crowd into raptures.

After the break the Reds tried to undo the damage, laying siege on Howard's goal. Mohammed Sissoko saw

his shot from outside the box blocked fifteen minutes into the half, while substitute Dirk Kuyt was denied by Howard ten minutes later. Howard also made a good save from a Finnan shot. Liverpool wasted a succession of chances, adding to their frustration at Goodison Park. Their sorrows deepened when John Arne Riise was stretchered off with an ankle injury. Everton survived the storm, with Gary Naysmith missing an opportunity to chip Reina five minutes before the end. But Andrew Johnson showed his ruthlessness again in injury time, when he headed home a fumbled ball by Reina, completing Everton's biggest victory over their rivals in 42 years.

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# JUNIOR LEAGUES

## FINAL STANDINGS

**MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League:** Round 18: Oakleigh 2 Whitehorse 0, Bentleigh Greens 2 Glen Waverley 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 1 South Melbourne 7, Bulleen 1 Knox City 3, South Eastern Piranhas 0 Southern Stars 0

**MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League:** Round 18: Noble Park Bye, Beaumaris 2 Whitehorse 3, Kingston City 5 Gippsland Soccer League 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 South Melbourne 1, Bulleen 0 Box Hill Inter 2

**MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League:** Round 18: Beaumaris 2 Whitehorse 1, Chelsea 0 Manningham 3, Endeavour Utd 1 South Melbourne 1, Bulleen 2 Knox City 2, Box Hill Inter 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1

**MILO Boys S/E 13 Super League:** Round 18: Beaumaris 0 Gippsland Soccer League 3, Knox City 0 Nunawading City 0, Monash City 1 Mornington 1, Bulleen 1 Box Hill Inter 3, Baxter 0 Dandenong City 5

**MILO Boys N/W 16 Super League:** Round 18: Preston Lions Bye, Essendon Royals 3 Whittlesea Stallions 2, Brimbank 1 Sydenham Park 6, Green Gully 3 Hoppers Crossing 1, Melbourne Knights 3 North City Lions 0

**MILO Boys N/W 15 Super League:** Round 18: Kellor Park Bye, Essendon Royals 0 Melbourne Knights 1, Brimbank 9 Epping City 3, Altona East 3 Moreland United 1, Green Gully 3 Fawkner 0

**MILO Boys N/W 14 Super League:** Round 18: Albury-Wodonga 1 Preston Lions 4, Brimbank 0 Melbourne Knights 1, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 2 Fawkner 3, Green Gully 10 Williamstown 1, Kellor Park 1 North Coburg Utd 0

**MILO Boys N/W 13 Super League:** Round 18: Essendon Royals 3 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona Magic 0 Epping City 1, Bundoora 1 Fawkner 3, Green Gully 3 Hoppers Crossing JSC 1, Kellor Park 2 Preston Lions 0

**MILO Boys Metro 18 Blue:** Round 18: Port Melbourne JSC 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Bulleen 0 Green Gully 5, Oakleigh 1 Brunswick City 2

**MILO Boys Metro 18 Orange:** Round 18: Seaford United JSC Bye, Springvale City 3 Mornington 0, Glen Waverley 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 7, Langwarrin 7 Mooroolbark 1, Brighton JSC 8 Rosebud 2

**MILO Boys Metro 18 Purple:** Round 18: Bye Bundoora, St Albans Bye, Gisborne 2 Northcote City 2, Preston Lions 0 Kellor Park 3, Essendon Royals 7 Brimbank 1

**MILO Boys Metro 18 Yellow:** Round 18: Bye Mornington, Eastern Lions 3 Brighton JSC 0, Westvale 5 Berwick Kings 2, Glen Eira 1 Berwick City 1, Brandon Park Bye

**MILO Boys South 16 A:** Round 18: Beaumaris 15 Baxter 0, Bentleigh Greens 2 Brighton JSC 1, Langwarrin 2, Doveton 2, Springvale City 0 Berwick City 2, Sandringham City 3 Dandenong City 0

**MILO Boys South 16 B:** Round 18: Sandringham City B Bye, Chelsea 2 Rowville Eagles 1, Peninsula 5 Doveton 3, Dandenong Sparrows 2 Carrum Utd 1, Sandringham City A 5 Beaumaris 1

**MILO Boys South 15 A:** Round 18: Cranbourne Comets 2 Mornington 1, Springvale White Eagles 1 Berwick City 2, Hampton Park Utd 2 Langwarrin 4, Brighton JSC 3 Dandenong Thunder 3, Sandringham City 4 Seaford Utd 1

**MILO Boys South 15 B:** Round 18: Dandenong City 14 Mornington A 2, Bentleigh Greens 7 Brighton JSC 1, Langwarrin 1 Endeavour United 1, Berwick City 3 Rosebud 1, Baxter 3 Beaumaris 1

**MILO Boys South 14 A:** Round 18: Lyndale Utd 7 Baxter 1, Springvale White Eagles 2 Mornington 0, Hampton Park Utd 0 Langwarrin 6, Brighton 4 Berwick City 3, Sandringham City 4 Beaumaris 1

**MILO Boys South 14 B:** Round 18: Bye White Star Dandenong, Cranbourne Comets 1 Brighton JSC 2, Langwarrin 0 Frankston Pines 3, Peninsula 1 Mornington 3, Sandringham City 1 Dandenong City 13

**MILO Boys South 13 A:** Round 18: Mornington 4 Endeavour Utd 0, Bentleigh Greens 3 Doveton 1, Hampton Park Utd 0 Langwarrin 8, Brighton JSC 0 Berwick City 3, Dandenong Thunder 2 Frankston Pines 2

**MILO Boys South 13 B:** Round 18: Lyndale Utd 1 Seaford Utd 0, Berwick City 2 Phillip Island 1, Hampton Park Utd 2 Beaumaris 4, Brighton JSC 4 Carrum Utd 1, Sandringham City 0 East Bentleigh 2

**MILO Boys South 13 C:** Round 18: Sandringham City Bye, Beaumaris 5 Baxter 1, Springvale White Eagles 4 Brighton 0, Langwarrin 2 Seaford Utd 3, Cranbourne Comets 4 Berwick City 0

**MILO Boys South 12 A:** Round 18: Beaumaris 4 Mornington 1, Bentleigh Greens 2 Brighton JSC 0, Hampton Park Utd 2 Langwarrin 0, Peninsula 0 Berwick City 3, Sandringham City 1 Dandenong City 1

**MILO Boys South 12 B:** Round 18: Bye Mornington, Beaumaris 1 Cranbourne Comets 2, Chelsea 2 Berwick City 0, Brighton 0 Hampton 4, Sandringham City 2 Seaford Utd 5

**MILO Boys South 12 C:** Round 18: Langwarrin Bye, Mornington 3 Sandringham City 0, Brighton JSC 0 Rosebud 4, Baxter 0 Beaumaris 2

**MILO Boys South 12 D:** Round 18: Bentleigh Greens Bye, Lyndale Utd 4 Endeavour Hills 1, Harristfield Hurricanes 4 Peninsula 0, Casey Panthers 2 Hampton 4, Keysborough JSC Bye

**MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green:** Round 18: Brighton Bye, Beaumaris 3 Heatherton Utd 0, Berwick City 3 Mornington 2, Hampton 2 Cranbourne Comets 2, Sandringham City 0 Dandenong City 2

**MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple:** Round 18: Seaford Utd Bye, Springvale White Eagles 0 Sandringham City 8, Langwarrin 1 Mornington 0, Dandenong Thunder 11 Rosebud 0, Noble Park 5 Peninsula 0

**MILO Boys South 11 Jokeys Blue:** Round 18: Doveton Bye, Beaumaris 4 Baxter 6, Berwick City 1 Brighton 2, Endeavour Utd 3 Carrum Utd 0, Sandringham City 7 Dandenong City 0

**MILO Boys South 11 Jokeys Red:** Round 18: Hampton 0 Sandringham City 0, Mornington 1 Brighton B 2, Hampton Park Utd 1 Langwarrin 2, Brighton A 0 Berwick City 1, Keysborough 6 Beaumaris 1

**MILO Boys East 16 A:** Round 18: Nunawading City Bye, Glen Waverley 1 Bulleen 2, Riversdale Raiders 6 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Manningham 2 East Bentleigh 0, Ashburton 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

**MILO Boys East 16 B:** Round 18: Bye Bye, Richmond 2 North Caulfield 1, Boronia 1 Boroondara Lions 7, Mooroolbark 3 Glen Eira 0, Manningham 2 Eastern Lions 6

**MILO Boys East 15 A:** Round 18: South Springvale Bye, Richmond 3 North Caulfield 4, Knox City 1 Bulleen 2, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 South Melbourne 2, Manningham 4 Boronia 4

**MILO Boys East 15 B:** Round 18: Nunawading City 2 North Caulfield 0, Boronia 1 Eastern Lions 5, Glen Waverley 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, East Bentleigh 1 Westvale 1, Brandon Park 3 Croydon City Arrows JSC 0

**MILO Boys East 15 C:** Round 18: Boroondara Lions Bye, Manningham 2 Sherbrooke Rangers 1, Ringwood City 7 Mooroolbark 0, Caulfield Utd 2 Port Melbourne JSC 2, Ashburton 3 Richmond 0

**MILO Boys East 14 A:** Round 18: Glen Waverley Bye, Richmond 3 Caulfield Utd 1, Kingston City 3 Bulleen 0, Riversdale Raiders 2 Eastern Lions 1, Nunawading City 4 Sherbrooke Rangers 2

**MILO Boys East 14 B:** Round 18: Oakleigh 1 North Caulfield 3, Springvale City 2 Whitehorse 1, Melbourne Utd 0 Bulleen 0, Manningham 2 Glen Eira 3, Clayton 0 Southern Stars 11

**MILO Boys East 14 C:** Round 18: Beaumaris 0 Mooroolbark 0, Knox City 3 Nunawading City 3, Doncaster Rovers JSC 5 Berwick City 0, Brighton JSC 1 Stonnington City 1, Croydon City Arrows JSC 4 Glen Waverley 1

**MILO Boys East 14 D:** Round 18: Ashburton 0 Hampton 5, Eastern Lions 1 Manningham 7, Chelsea 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Glen Eira 0 Boronia 9, Ringwood City 1 East Bentleigh 11

**MILO Boys East 13 A:** Round 18: Bulleen Bye, Oakleigh 2 North Caulfield 1, Doncaster Rovers 5 South Melbourne 2, Riversdale Raiders 1 Port Melbourne 1, Clayton 1 Croydon City Arrows 1

**MILO Boys East 13 B:** Round 18: Ashburton Bye, Richmond 4 Nunawading City 0, Kingston City 4 Eastern Lions 2, Manningham 2 Boronia 0, Monash City 11 Sherbrooke Rangers 0

**MILO Boys East 13 C:** Round 18: Caulfield Utd Bye, Springvale City 3 North Caulfield 3, Glen Waverley Bye, Ringwood City 4 Mooroolbark 0, Brandon Park 1 Richmond 0

**MILO Boys East 13 D:** Round 18: East Bentleigh Bye, North Caulfield 2 Croydon City Arrows 0, Boronia 3 Boroondara Lions 1, Ashburton 1 Doncaster Rovers 4, Glen Eira 1 Glen Waverley 0

**MILO Boys East 12 A:** Round 18: Whitehorse Bye, Knox City 5 Glen Waverley 0, East Bentleigh 1 South Melbourne 1, Bulleen 2 Monash City 0, Box Hill Inter 1 Richmond 0

**MILO Boys East 12 B:** Round 18: Oakleigh 2 North Caulfield 1, Stonnington City 1 Bulleen 3, Doncaster Rovers JSC 2 Riversdale Raiders 0, Ringwood City 7 Glen Waverley 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye

**MILO Boys East 12 C:** Round 18: Waverley Wanderers 3 North Caulfield 1, Eastern Lions 0 Bulleen 2, Melbourne United 5 Mooroolbark 0, Ashburton 1 Boroondara Lions 2, Brandon Park Bye

**MILO Boys East 12 D:** Round 18: North Caulfield 0 Groydon City Arrows JSC 3, Eastern Lions 0, Riversdale Raiders 2 Doncaster Rovers JSC 4, Manningham 2 Knox City 0, Clayton Bye

**MILO Boys East 12 E:** Round 18: Bentleigh Greens 0 Whitehorse 4, Northcote City Bye, Ringwood City Bye, Frankston Strikers 0 Caulfield United 5, Croydon City Arrows JSC 2 Richmond 4

**MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Green:** Round 18: Bye Glen Waverley, Oakleigh 1 North Caulfield 0, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 South Melbourne 5, Box Hill Inter 5 Boronia 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 4 Richmond 1

**MILO Boys East 11 Kangaroos Purple:** Round 18: Nunawading City 0 Riversdale Raiders 0, Ringwood City 1 Stonnington City 1, Doncaster Rovers JSC 0 South Melbourne 3, Bulleen 3 Boronia 0, Monash City 7 Richmond 0

**MILO Boys East 11 Jokeys Orange:** Round 18: East Bentleigh Bye, Eastern Lions 1 North Caulfield 1, Knox Utd 2 Bulleen 3, Bye Doncaster Rovers JSC, Clayton 1 Richmond 0

**MILO Boys East 11 Jokeys Blue:** Round 18: Ashburton Bye, Richmond 2 Croydon City Arrows JSC 2, Kingston City 1 East Bentleigh 2, Manningham 1 Caulfield Utd 0, Bulleen 2 Nunawading City 1

**MILO Boys East 11 Jokeys Red:** Round 18: Ashburton Bye, Richmond 2 North Caulfield 0, Knox City 3 Glen Eira 0, Melbourne Utd 3 Doncaster Rovers 3, Brandon Park 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 3

**MILO Boys East 11 Jokeys Yellow:** Round 18: Springvale City 6 Ringwood City 0, Monash City 3 Boroondara Lions 0, Eastern Lions 0 Mooroolbark 8, Glen Eira 0 Riversdale Raiders 0, Port Melbourne JSC 4 Glen Waverley 0

**MILO Boys N/W 16 B:** Round 18: Altona City 0 Werribee City 1, Lalor Utd 1 Sydenham Park 0, Altona East 1 Maribymong Greens 1, Meadow Park 1 Kellor Wolves 2, Watsonia Heights 2 Broadmeadows Utd 7

**MILO Boys N/W 14 B:** Round 18: North Sunshine Eagles Bye, Essendon Royals 1 Gisborne 0, Sunbury Utd 2 Sydenham Park 2, Altona East 16 Bundoora 0, Sunshine Georgies 2 Light Utd 0

**MILO Boys N/W 14 C:** Round 18: Lalor Utd Bye, Northcote City 7 Watsonia Heights 0, Werribee City 1 Altona City 1, Essendon Royals 5 Flemington Eagles 1

**MILO Boys N/W 13 B:** Round 18: Laverton Park 6 Mill Park 0, Hoppers Crossing JSC 2 Epping City 5, North Coburg United 1 Fawkner 9, Brunswick Zebras 4 Heidelberg Utd 1, Brunswick City 0 North Sunshine Eagles 0

**MILO Boys N/W 13 C:** Round 18: Brunswick Zebras Bye, Altona City 0 Plenty Valley Lions 6, Westvale 5 Brimbank City 0, Melbourne Lions 2 Whittlesea Utd 1, Mill Park 0 Kellor Wolves 11

**MILO Boys North 16 A:** Round 18: Heidelberg Stars 14 Eltham North 1, Light Utd 5 Epping City 1, Bundoora 3 Moreland Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras 2 Clifton Hill Utd 2, Brunswick City 6 North Coburg Utd 1

**MILO Boys North 15 A:** Round 18: Bye Whittlesea Utd, Essendon Royals 0 Whittlesea Stallions 1, Bundoora 0 Preston Lions 2, Brunswick Zebras 4 Eltham North 1, Brunswick City 16 Moreland Wolves 0

**MILO Boys North 15 B:** Round 18: Brimbank City 3 Northcote City 2, Light Utd 3 Brunswick Zebras 0, Lalor 0 Yarraville 9, Carlton Youth FC 0 Heidelberg Utd 2, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Sunbury United 1

**MILO Boys North 14 A:** Round 18: Epping City Bye, Essendon Royals 0 Hume Utd 2, Bundoora 3 Moreland Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras 1 Fawkner 3, Eltham North 0 North Coburg Utd 1

**MILO Boys North 13 A:** Round 18: Essendon Royals 5 Whittlesea Stallions 2, Lalor Utd 2 Epping City 1, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 2 Bundoora 1, Light Utd 6 Moreland City 0, Eltham North 4 Diamond Valley Utd 2

**MILO Boys North 12 A:** Round 18: Essendon Royals 2 Hume Utd 1, Sunbury Utd 4 North City Lions JSC 1, Bundoora 2 Fawkner 3, Epping City 1 Heidelberg Utd 1, Brunswick City 2 North Coburg Utd 1

**MILO Boys North 12 B:** Round 18: Light Utd 1 Whittlesea Stallions 4, Lalor Utd 0 Epping City 2, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 6 Fawkner 0, Brunswick Zebras 10 Moreland City 1, Eltham North 3 Preston Lions 3

**MILO Boys North 12 C:** Round 18: Bye Eltham North, Meadow Park Bye, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Banyule City 3, Fawkner 0 Bundoora 3, Whittlesea Stallions 1 Clifton Hill Utd 1

**MILO Boys North 12 D:** Round 18: Essendon Royals 4 Hume Utd 0, Alphonine 1 Brunswick Zebras 2, Broadmeadows Utd 4 Moreland Utd 1, Youth Utd 3 Watsonia Heights 1, Greenvale Utd 6 Moreland Wolves 0

**MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green:** Round 18: Epping City Bye, Heidelberg Stars 0 Eltham North 1, Preston Lions 0 Bundoora 3, Brunswick Zebras 6 Heidelberg Utd 0, Brunswick City 5 North City Lions JSC 0

**MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple:** Round 18: Fawkner Bye, Essendon Royals 0 Melbourne Knights 2, Light Utd 9 Brunswick Zebras 1, Clifton Hill Utd 0 Moreland City 2, Whittlesea Stallions 3 North City Lions JSC 1

**MILO Boys North 11 Jokeys Blue:** Round 18: Essendon Royals 2 Brunswick City 0, Lalor Utd 0 Epping City 1, Keon Park 0 Moreland Utd 3, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Light Utd 2, Watsonia Heights 3 North Coburg Utd 0

**MILO Boys West 16 A:** Round 18: Western Eagles 4 Kellor Park 2, WVSA 1 Albion Rovers 3, Sunbury Utd 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 6, Laverton Park 7 Sunshine Heights 2, Gisborne 0 St Albans 5

**MILO Boys West 15 A:** Round 18: Altona Magic 2 Kellor Park 1, Brimbank 5 Avondale Heights 1, Melton 2 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 3, Sunshine Georgies 15 Hoppers Crossing JSC 1, North Sunshine Eagles 7 St Albans 2

**MILO Boys West 14 A:** Round 18: Ballarat Academy Of Soccer Bye, Altona City 5 Kellor Park 1, Brimbank 0 Albion Rovers 7, Laverton Park 1 Hoppers Crossing 4, Green Gully 1 St Albans 0

**MILO Boys West 13 A:** Round 18: Western Eagles 0 Kellor Park 2, Werribee City 4 Sydenham Park 1, Melbourne Knights 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 5, Sunshine Georgies 0 Sunshine Heights 3, Green Gully 4 Williamstown 1

**MILO Boys West 12 A:** Round 18: Altona City 2 Melbourne Knights 0, Brimbank 4 Sydenham Park 0, Werribee City 2 Albion Rovers 2, Green Gully 5 Hoppers Crossing JSC 0, Kellor Park 9 Sunshine Heights 0

**MILO Boys West 12 B:** Round 18: Bye Kellor Park, Brimbank 2 Avondale Heights 3, Melton 0 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 4, Sunshine Georgies 1 Gisborne 4, Green Gully 1 St Albans 4

**MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green:** Round 18: Flemington Eagles Bye, Altona City Bye, WVSA 0 Albion Rovers 3, Green Gully 6 Hoppers Crossing 0, Kellor Park 1 Gisborne 0

**MILO Boys West 11 Jokeys Blue:** Round 18: Williamstown Bye, Laverton Park 1 Kellor Park 3, Brimbank 0 Avondale Heights 8, Maribymong Greens 0 Werribee City 1, Satellite City Utd Bye

**MILO Boys West 11 Jokeys Red:** Round 18: Altona City Bye, Bye Sydenham Park, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 18 Gisborne 0, Sunshine Georgies 0 Sunbury Utd 1, Green Gully 9 St Albans 0

**MILO Girls Metro 18 Green:** Round 18: Whitehorse Bye, Bulleen 3 Heidelberg United 0, Bye Sydenham Park, Sandringham City 14 St Albans 0, Brunswick Zebras 2 Bundoora 14

**MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple:** Round 18: Noble Park Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Croydon City Arrows JSC 1, Mornington 4 Langwarrin 0, Berwick City 5 Glen Eira 0, Endeavour Utd Bye

**MILO Girls Metro 15 A:** Round 18: Ashburton 1 Watsonia Heights 0, Beaumaris Bye, Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 3 Westgate 0, Epping City Bye, Glen Eira 1 Richmond 3

**MILO Girls Metro 15 B:** Round 18: Sandringham City Bye, Berwick City 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Bye Baxter, Mornington 1 Langwarrin 4, Brighton JSC 0 Rosebud 1

**MILO Girls Metro 15 C:** Round 18: North Caulfield Bye

**East Bentleigh 1 Mornington 2, Sherbrooke Rangers Hampton Park Utd 0, Eastern Lions 0 Brighton JSC 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye**

**MILO Girls Metro 13 A:** Round 18: Sandringham City 4 Croydon City Arrows JSC 1, Beaumaris 5 Baxter 1, Berwick City 0 Brighton JSC 2, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Peninsula 0, Mornington 0 Knox City 6

**MILO Girls Metro 13 B:** Round 18: Nunawading City 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 1, Brighton JSC 1 Carrum Utd 1, Sunbury Utd 0 Boroondara Lions 2, Western Eagles 1 Richmond 1, Dandenong Thunder 1 Brunswick Zebras 1

**MILO Girls Metro 13 C:** Round 18: Altona City 3 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Brighton JSC 0 East Bentleigh 0, Watsonia Heights 0 Beaumaris 1, Bundoora 4 Langwarrin 3, Hoppers Crossing JSC 1 Caulfield Utd 0

**MILO Girls S/E 16 A:** Round 18: Chelsea Bye, Casey Panthers 7 Glen Waverley 1, Mooroolbark 1 Langwarrin 6, Sherbrooke Rangers 2 Whitehorse 0, Cranbourne Comets 0 Phillip Island 5

**MILO Girls S/E 16 B:** Round 18: Boronia 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Richmond 5 Berwick Kings 2, Brighton JSC 1 Seaford Utd 1, North Caulfield 2 Knox City 4, Croydon City Arrows JSC 0 Dandenong City 9

**MILO Girls S/E 14 A:** Round 18: Sandringham City Bye, Boronia 0 Brighton JSC 2, Richmond 5 Whitehorse 0, Mornington 1 Doncaster Rovers JSC 0, Bye Berwick City

**MILO Girls S/E 14 B:** Round 18: Brighton JSC Bye, Seaford Utd 1 Ringwood City 7, Mooroolbark 3 Langwarrin 3, North Caulfield 4 Richmond 1, Glen Eira Bye

**MILO Girls S/E 14 C:** Round 18: Boronia 0 Glen Waverley 6, Casey Panthers Bye, Ashburton 0 Diamond Valley Utd 0, Eastern Lions 1 Sandringham City 0, North Caulfield 0 Endeavour Utd 2

**MILO Girls S/E 12 A:** Round 18: Brighton JSC Bye, Boronia 0 Boroondara Lions 1, Ashburton 9 Glen Eira 0, North Caulfield 8 Richmond 0, Croydon City Arrows JSC 1 Sandringham City 2

**MILO Girls S/E 12 B:** Round 18: Glen Waverley Bye, Baxter 2 Box Hill Inter 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 3 Melbourne United 2 0, Glen Eira 2 Boronia 1, Melbourne Utd 1 1 Brighton JSC 0

**MILO Girls S/E 12 C:** Round 18: Knox City Bye, Beaumaris 3 Sandringham City 3, Mornington 1 Port Melbourne JSC 0, Caulfield Utd 1 Carrum Utd 0, North Caulfield 0 Baxter 0

**MILO Girls S/E 11:** Round 18: Brighton JSC Bye, Sherbrooke Rangers 1 Boroondara Lions 1, Croydon City Arrows JSC Bye, Richmond 1 North Caulfield 0, Ashburton 1 Carrum Utd 1

**MILO Girls N/W 16 A:** Round 18: Whittlesea Stallions 0 North City Lions JSC 1, Altona City 4 Gisborne 1, Essendon Royals 1 Sunshine Georgies 4, Bundoora 0 South Melbourne 2, Epping City 4 Sunbury Utd 0

**MILO Girls N/W 16 B:** Round 18: Kellor Park Bye, Melton 1 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 1, Brunswick Zebras 2 Sandringham City 4, Brimbank 1 Albion Rovers 2, Eltham North 0 Williamstown 5

**MILO Girls N/W 14:** Round 18: Bundoora Bye, Gisborne 3 Kellor Park 2, Meadow Park 1 Epping City 2, Brunswick Zebras 3 Ballarat Academy Of Soccer 2, Brunswick City 0 Eltham North 1

**MILO Girls N/W 12:** Round 18: Brunswick City Bye, Diamond Valley Utd 1 Eltham North 0, Essendon Royals A 1 Bendigo Amateur Soccer League 1, Brunswick Zebras 2 Alphonine 1

MILO Boys S/E 16 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Knox City JSC	18	17	1	0	67	7	52
Bulleen JSC	18	13	2	3	68	21	41
South Melbourne JFC	18	13	1	4	72	28	40
Southern Stars JFC	18	10	4	4	30	16	34
South Eastern Piranhas	18	6	5	7	31	31	23
Bentleigh Greens JSC	18	4	6	8	20	50	18
Glen Waverley JSC	18	4	5	9	28	48	17
Doncaster Rovers JSC	18	4	3	11	27	62	15
Oakleigh JFC	18	3	2	13	24	46	11
Whitehorse	18	1	1	16	10	68	4

MILO Boys S/E 15 Super League	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Box Hill Inter JSC	16	12	1	3	59	22	37
South Melbourne JFC	16	10	5	1	35	16	35
Kingston City JSC	16	8	5	3	39	16	29
Bulleen JSC	16	7	5	4	32	16	26
Gippsland Soccer League	16	6	2	8	24	35	20
Whitehorse	16	5	4	7	23	30	19
Noble Park JSC	16	4	3	9	24	46	15
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16	2	6	8	19	44	12
Beaumaris SC	16	1	3	12	12	43	6

MILO Boys S/E 14 Super League							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
South Melbourne JFC	18	14	2	2	58	16	44
Box Hill Inter JSC	18	14	1	3	48	16	43
Manningham JSC	18	12	3	3	41	20	39
Bulleen JSC	18	8	7	3	43	21	31
Knox City JSC	18	7	4	7	25	24	25
Doncaster Rovers JSC	18	7	3	23	31	24	
Endavour Utd	18	6	4	8	27	26	42
Chelsea JSC	18	3	3	12	13	43	12
Bearmarts SC	18	2	1	15	8	46	7



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Dandenong Thunder JSC	18 9 2 7 38 40 29
Brighton JSC	18 5 3 10 27 40 18
Mornington SC	18 4 2 12 26 52 14
Hampton Park Utd	18 2 0 16 19 78 6
Seaford Utd	18 1 2 15 13 60 5

MILO Boys South 15 B	P W D L F A P T
Dandenong City JSC	18 16 1 11 31 25 49
Bentleigh Greens JSC	18 14 1 3 78 31 43
Endeavour United JSC	18 11 4 3 24 16 38
Langwarrin SC	18 8 3 7 41 30 27
Baxter Soccer Club	18 9 0 9 41 41 27
Beaumaris SC	18 7 4 37 43 25
Berwick City JSC	18 8 0 10 51 50 24
Rosebud JSC	18 6 3 9 36 57 21
Brighton JSC	18 1 1 16 17 103 4
Mornington A	18 0 2 16 18 103 2

MILO Boys South 14 A	P W D L F A P T
Springvale White Eagles	18 16 1 1 93 19 49
Mornington	18 15 0 3 91 17 45
Sandringham City	18 12 0 6 65 31 36
Langwarrin	18 11 2 5 55 17 35
Brighton	18 11 1 6 77 39 34
Berwick City	18 9 2 7 66 37 29
Lyndale Utd	18 6 0 12 55 67 18
Hampton Park Utd	18 3 0 15 17 94 9
Beaumaris	18 3 0 15 18 96 9
Baxter	18 1 0 17 12 132 3

MILO Boys South 14 B	P W D L F A P T
Dandenong City JSC	16 14 1 1 66 13 43
Frankston Pines JSC	16 14 0 2 94 8 42
Cranebourne Comets JSC	16 11 2 3 65 20 35
Brighton JSC	16 10 1 5 60 31 31
Mornington SC	16 7 1 8 39 34 22
Langwarrin SC	16 6 1 9 31 41 19
Peninsula JSC	16 5 0 11 33 54 15
Sandringham City JSC	16 2 0 14 20 97 6
Heatherton Utd	0 0 0 0
White Star Dandenong JSC	16 0 0 16 9 119 0

MILO Boys South 13 A	P W D L F A P T
Dandenong Thunder JSC	18 15 1 2 75 13 46
Bentleigh Greens JSC	18 14 1 3 60 16 43
Berwick City JSC	18 13 0 5 61 13 39
Langwarrin SC	18 12 3 3 52 12 39
Brighton JSC	18 10 1 7 51 24 31
Frankston Pines JSC	18 9 2 7 44 24 29
Dovelet JSC	18 5 3 10 37 48 18
Mornington SC	18 3 2 13 14 82 11
Hampton Park Utd	18 1 2 15 6 67 5
Endeavour Utd	18 0 1 17 51 06 1

MILO Boys South 13 B	P W D L F A P T
Lyndale Utd	18 15 2 1 88 10 47
East Bentleigh JSC	18 14 2 2 74 15 44
Berwick City JSC	18 14 0 4 70 18 42
Sandringham City JSC	18 11 3 4 68 21 36
Beaumaris SC	18 9 4 5 47 25 31
Brighton JSC	18 7 0 11 35 56 21
Phillip Island JSC	18 4 2 12 35 70 14
Carroll Utd	18 4 0 14 16 77 12
Seaford Utd	18 3 2 13 11 62 11
Hampton Park Utd	18 1 1 16 13 103 4

MILO Boys South 13 C	P W D L F A P T
Beaumaris	16 12 2 2 50 23 38
Cranebourne Comets	16 10 4 2 49 19 34
Springvale White Eagles	16 11 1 4 48 29 34
Seaford Utd	16 10 1 5 48 28 31
Langwarrin	16 8 4 4 47 23 28
Baxter	16 4 2 10 13 34 14
Sandringham City	16 4 1 11 14 51 13
Brighton	16 4 0 12 19 38 12
Berwick City	16 1 1 14 9 52 4

MILO Boys South 12 A	P W D L F A P T
Beaumaris SC	18 15 1 2 54 10 46
Berwick City JSC	18 13 4 1 57 12 43
Dandenong City JSC	18 11 4 3 49 20 37
Sandringham City JSC	18 10 5 3 52 18 35
Peninsula JSC	18 10 4 4 32 12 34
Bentleigh Greens JSC	18 7 3 8 28 26 24
Mornington SC	18 4 3 11 25 43 15
Brighton JSC	18 4 1 13 12 32 13
Hampton Park Utd	18 2 1 15 8 59 7
Langwarrin SC	18 1 0 17 15 100 3

MILO Boys South 12 B	P W D L F A P T
Hampton	16 14 1 1 43 9 43
Seaford Utd	16 9 1 6 26 28 28
Beaumaris	16 8 3 5 28 18 27
Mornington	16 8 3 5 28 18 27
Cranebourne Comets	16 8 2 6 20 18 20
Brighton	16 6 2 8 17 24 20
Berwick City	16 3 5 8 16 20 14
Chelsea	16 3 2 11 10 37 11
Sandringham City JSC	16 1 5 10 11 26 8
Langwarrin	0 0 0 0

MILO Boys South 12 C	P W D L F A P T
Rosebud JSC	14 13 0 1 49 1 40
Beaumaris	14 9 2 3 36 18 29
Mornington SC	14 9 0 5 27 16 27
Baxter Soccer Club	14 8 2 4 31 18 26
Langwarrin SC	14 5 5 4 17 24 20
Sandringham City JSC	14 2 2 10 13 40 8
Brighton JSC	14 2 1 11 10 36 7
Seaford Utd	14 1 1 12 12 42 4

MILO Boys South 12 D	P W D L F A P T
Harrisfield Hurricanes	14 13 0 0 116 10 39
Bentleigh Greens JSC	14 13 0 0 110 10 39
Keysborough JSC	14 9 1 4 78 27 28
Peninsula JSC	14 8 1 5 56 24 25
Hampton JSC	14 6 0 8 45 35 18

Lyndale Utd	14 4 0 10 16 109 12
Casey Panthers JSC	14 2 0 12 11 84 6
Endeavour Hills SC	14 0 0 14 1123 0

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Green	P W D L F A P T
Brighton	16 13 3 0 56 15 42
Beaumaris	16 9 6 1 52 11 33
Berwick City	16 9 4 3 42 20 31
Mornington	16 8 2 6 37 23 26
Dandenong City	16 7 3 6 27 19 24
Heatherton Utd	16 8 1 9 30 37 19
Sandringham City	16 2 6 8 12 29 12
Cranebourne Comets	16 2 2 12 17 74 8
Hampton	16 1 3 12 11 56 6

MILO Boys South 11 Kangaroos Purple	P W D L F A P T
Sandringham City JSC	16 14 1 1 96 7 43
Noble Park JSC	16 10 4 2 62 8 34
Langwarrin SC	16 9 5 2 51 16 32
Dandenong Thunder JSC	16 9 4 3 59 14 31
Seaford Utd	16 8 4 4 41 16 28
Springvale White Eagles	16 6 2 4 42 10 20
Peninsula JSC	16 3 1 12 11 71 10
Mornington SC	16 0 3 13 4 93 3
Rosebud JSC	16 0 2 14 5 119 2

MILO Boys South 11 Jozeys Blue	P W D L F A P T
Berwick City	16 14 1 1 80 10 43
Sandringham City	16 13 1 2 68 17 40
Brighton	16 10 4 2 53 16 34
Endeavour Utd	16 9 3 4 29 23 30
Beaumaris	16 6 1 8 26 37 19
Baxter	16 5 3 8 36 39 18
Dandenong City	16 4 1 11 14 55 13
Dovelet	16 3 2 11 20 35 11
Carroll Utd	16 0 0 16 5 61 0

MILO Boys South 11 Jozeys Red	P W D L F A P T
Hampton Park Utd	18 14 2 2 63 16 44
Mornington	18 13 1 4 45 18 40
Brighton B	18 11 4 3 32 13 37
Hampton	18 10 2 6 32 21 32
Sandringham City	18 9 3 6 31 21 30
Keysborough	18 8 2 10 16 39 20
Langwarrin	18 4 1 13 18 44 13
Beaumaris	18 2 2 14 7 41 6
Brighton A	18 2 2 14 17 57 8

MILO Boys East 16 A	P W D L F A P T
Riversdale Raiders	16 14 1 1 59 18 43
Bulleen JSC	16 13 1 2 64 14 40
Nunawading City JSC	16 11 2 3 62 20 35
Manningham JSC	16 9 1 6 39 19 28
East Bentleigh JSC	16 7 1 8 43 31 22
Glen Waverley JSC	16 7 0 9 41 25 21
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	16 3 2 11 18 87 11
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 2 1 13 12 59 7
Ashburton JSC	16 1 1 14 13 78 4

MILO Boys East 16 B	P W D L F A P T
Richmond JSC	14 12 1 1 75 19 37
Boroondara Lions JSC	14 11 1 2 64 24 34
North Caulfield JSC	14 7 2 5 53 23 23
Boronia JSC	14 7 2 5 55 48 23
Moorebank JSC	14 5 3 6 47 51 18
Eastern Lions	14 5 2 7 41 46 17
Manningham JSC	14 3 1 10 37 59 10
Glen Eira JSC	14 0 0 14 14 116 0

MILO Boys East 15 A	P W D L F A P T
Bulleen JSC	16 12 2 2 56 13 38
North Caulfield JSC	16 9 4 3 30 15 31
Boronia JSC	16 9 3 4 45 32 30
South Springvale JSC	16 7 4 5 24 20 25
South Melbourne JSC	16 6 5 5 25 20 23
Manningham JSC	16 5 3 8 30 31 18
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 4 2 10 20 44 14
Knox City JSC	16 3 3 10 15 31 12
Richmond JSC	16 3 2 11 21 60 11
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	0 0 0 0

MILO Boys East 15 B	P W D L F A P T
Eastern Lions	16 13 3 2 50 18 42
Nunawading City JSC	16 12 1 5 52 28 37
Brandon Park JSC	16 11 3 4 44 19 36
Glen Waverley JSC	16 11 3 4 51 27 36
Croydon City Arrows JSC	16 9 1 8 32 32 28
North Caulfield JSC	16 7 1 10 24 38 22
Westvale SC	16 5 5 8 19 22 20
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 5 3 10 23 36 18
East Bentleigh JSC	16 4 3 11 24 47 15
Boronia JSC	16 1 1 16 12 63 4

MILO Boys East 15 C	P W D L F A P T
Boroondara Lions JSC	16 14 1 1 69 16 43
Port Melbourne JSC	16 10 4 2 56 19 34
Ashburton JSC	16 10 4 2 41 15 34
Caulfield Utd	16 10 2 4 49 23 32
Ringwood City JSC	16 8 1 7 42 31 25
Manningham JSC	16 8 0 8 38 34 24
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	16 3 0 13 22 69 9
Richmond JSC	16 2 0 14 11 56 6
Moorebank JSC	16 1 0 15 13 78 3

MILO Boys East 14 A	P W D L F A P T
Bulleen JSC	16 13 0 3 48 12 39
Nunawading City JSC	16 12 2 2 32 13 38
Richmond JSC	16 11 2 3 46 17 35
Richmond JSC	16 8 5 3 37 18 29
Glen Waverley JSC	16 7 1 8 41 34 22
Eastern Lions	16 5 1 10 31 30 16
Riversdale Raiders	16 4 3 9 21 31 15
Caulfield Utd	16 3 0 13 18 78 9
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	16 1 2 13 16 57 5

MILO Boys East 14 B	P W D L F A P T
Southern Stars JFC	18 16 2 0 93 13 50
Melbourne Utd	18 10 3 5 44 27 33
Oakleigh JFC	18 10 2 6 50 27 32
North Caulfield JSC	18 9 4 5 39 22 31
Bulleen JSC	18 9 4 5 37 23 31
Manningham JSC	18 9 1 8 41 27 28
Glen Eira JSC	18 7 3 8 38 53 24
Springvale City JSC	18 4 1 13 20 51 13
Whitehorse	18 3 2 13 22 75 11
Clayton JSC	18 1 2 15 14 80 5

MILO Boys East 14 C	P W D L F A P T
Doncaster Rovers JSC	18 15 1 2 74 16 46
Berwick City JSC	18 12 2 4 55 25 38
Croydon City Arrows JSC	18 11 2 5 53 31 35
Knox City JSC	18 9 2 7 54 57 29
Beaumaris SC	18 8 4 6 34 36 28
Nunawading City JSC	18 7 2 9 42 42 23
Moorebank JSC	18 6 2 10 29 48 20
Glen Waverley JSC	18 4 5 9 31 45 17
Stonnington City JSC	18 3 3 12 28 54 12
Brighton JSC	18 2 3 13 20 66 9

MILO Boys East 14 D	P W D L F A P T
Chelsea JSC	18 15 1 2 77 14 46
Manningham JSC	18 14 0 4 92 18 42
Boronia JSC	18 14 0 4 91 18 42
Ashburton JSC	18 12 1 5 55 23 37
Hampton JSC	18 12 0 6 80 21 36
East Bentleigh JSC	18 8 2 8 54 38 26
Doncaster Rovers JSC	18 6 0 12 36 86 18
Eastern Lions	18 4 1 13 20 86 13
Ringwood City JSC	18 2 0 16 22 108 6
Glen Eira JSC	18 0 1 17 15 112 1

MILO Boys East 13 A	P W D L F A P T
North Caulfield	16 12 3 1 42 12 39
Doncaster Rovers	16 11 0 5 48 29 33
Bulleen	16 10 1 5 43 29 31
South Melbourne	16 9 2 5 33 22 29
Oakleigh	16 6 5 5 33 23 23
Croydon City Arrows	16 5 4 7 18 22 19
Riversdale Raiders	16 4 3 9 20 39 15
Clayton	16 2 2 12 14 42 8
Port Melbourne	16 1 4 11 17 50 7

MILO Boys East 13 B	P W D L F A P T
Kingston City JSC	16 13 3 0 52 19 42
Boronia JSC	16 9 3 4 43 16 30
Richmond JSC	16 9 3 4 37 19 30
Monash City JSC	16 9 1 6 50 20 28
Eastern Lions	16 7 1 6 25 28 22
Manningham JSC	16 7 0 9 26 18 21
Ashburton JSC	16 5 6 6 17 28 20
Nunawading City JSC	16 2 3 11 7 43 9
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	16 1 1 14 4 69 4

MILO Boys East 13 C	P W D L F A P T
Glen Waverley JSC	14 10 1 3 39 12 31
Ringwood City JSC	14 10 1 3 32 11 31
Brandon Park JSC	14 9 2 3 31 16 29
Richmond JSC	14 7 5 2 23 7 26
North Caulfield JSC	14 5 3 6 21 24 18
Springvale City JSC	14 2 3 9 15 37 9
Moorebank JSC	14 2 2 10 19 36 8
Caulfield Utd	14 2 1 11 14 39 7

MILO Boys East 13 D	P W D L F A P T
Doncaster Rovers	16 15 1 0 85 5 46
Boronia	16 11 1 4 39 25 34
Boroondara Lions	16 10 0 6 42 29 30
Ashburton	16 8 3 5 50 24 27
East Bentleigh	16 8 2 6 35 16 26
North Caulfield	16 5 3 8 22 37 18
Croydon City Arrows	16 5 1 10 23 55 16
Glen Waverley	16 3 1 12 15 47 10
Glen Eira	16 1 0 15 6 79 3

MILO Boys East 12 A	P W D L F A P T
Box Hill Inter JSC	16 15 0 1 61 12 45
Bulleen JSC	16 12 0 4 58 8 36
Richmond JSC	16 9 2 5 72 16 29
Monash City JSC	16 8 3 5 49 29 27
South Melbourne JSC	16 8 1 7 39 28 25
Whitehorse	16 8 0 8 32 27 24
Knox City JSC	16 6 1 9 27 41 19
East Bentleigh JSC	16 1 2 13 12 65 5
Glen Waverley JSC	16 0 1 15 6 140 1

MILO Boys East 12 B	P W D L F A P T
Oakleigh JFC	16 14 0 2 55 15 42
Ringwood City JSC	16 12 3 1 52 15 39
North Caulfield JSC	16 11 1 4 43 18 34
Bulleen JSC	16 8 3 5 39 29 27
Doncaster Rovers JSC	16 7 4 5 41 26 25
Riversdale Raiders	16 4 2 10 25 28 14
Croydon City Arrows JSC	16 4 2 10 23 40 14
Stonnington City JSC	16 4 1 11 16 36 13
Glen Waverley JSC	16 0 0 16 11 98 0

MILO Boys East 12 C	P W D L F A P T
Bulleen JSC	16 14 2 0 66 3 44
Melbourne United JSC	16 11 2 3 51 6 35
Brandon Park JSC	16 10 3 3 43 11 33
North Caulfield JSC	16 10 2 4 57 15 32
Waverley Wanderers JSC	16 10 1 5 48 19 31
Eastern Lions	16 5 1 10 45 31 16
Moorebank JSC	16 4 1 11 29 68 13
Boroondara Lions JSC	16 2 0 14 13 75 6
Ashburton JSC	16 0 0 16 41 30 0

MILO Boys East 12 D	P W D L F A P T
Manningham JSC	14 13 1 0 51 10 40
Clayton JSC	14 12 1 1 49 4 37
Knox City JSC	14 7 2 5 31 24 23



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## MILO Boys North 12 D

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Greenvale Utd	18	14	2	2	75	6	44
Broadmeadows Utd	18	14	1	3	68	24	43
Essendon Royals JSC	18	11	5	2	57	12	38
Moreland Utd	18	11	1	6	38	33	34
Youth Utd	18	10	3	5	46	33	33
Hume Utd	18	6	3	9	31	41	21
Brunswick Zebras JSC	18	7	0	11	26	42	21
Moreland Wolves	18	4	1	13	27	67	13
Watsonia Heights JSC	18	3	2	13	22	66	11
Alphington	18	1	0	17	18	76	3

## MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick Zebras JSC	16	12	3	1	41	8	39
Bundoora JSC	16	12	1	3	47	8	37
Presdon Lions JSC	16	10	4	2	40	9	34
North City Lions JSC	16	10	2	4	38	21	32
Brunswick City JSC	16	9	2	5	41	15	29
Heidelberg Stars JSC	16	5	1	10	29	31	16
Epping City SC	16	4	1	11	16	40	13
Heidelberg Utd	16	3	0	13	11	61	9
Eltham North JSC	16	0	0	16	2	92	0

## MILO Boys North 11 Kangaroos Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne Knights JSC	16	13	2	1	52	12	41
Whittlesea Stallions JSC	16	12	2	2	32	8	38
Essendon Royals JSC	16	11	3	2	50	11	36
Light Utd	16	8	3	5	35	16	27
Fawkner JSC	16	8	2	6	26	25	26
Moreland City JSC	16	6	0	10	11	29	18
North City Lions JSC	16	4	3	9	18	30	15
Brunswick Zebras JSC	16	1	2	13	8	52	5
Clifton Hill Utd	16	0	1	15	4	53	1

## MILO Boys North 11 Jozeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Moreland Utd	18	16	2	0	70	5	50
Essendon Royals JSC	18	13	1	4	30	11	40
Diamond Valley Utd	18	14	4	3	39	14	37
Keon Park SC	18	7	3	8	24	25	24
Watsonia Heights JSC	18	7	2	9	26	37	23
Light United North JSC	18	6	3	9	28	35	21
Epping City SC	18	6	1	11	17	34	19
North Coburg Utd	18	4	5	9	11	22	17
Lalor Utd	18	4	4	10	16	34	16
Brunswick City JSC	18	3	1	14	9	53	10

## MILO Boys West 16 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Albion Rovers	18	17	0	1	105	15	51
Keilor Park	18	13	2	3	83	12	41
St Albans	18	13	2	3	71	26	41
Western Eagles	18	11	2	5	54	35	35
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	18	8	3	7	46	39	29
Laverton Park	18	6	4	8	32	36	27
WVSA	18	6	1	11	32	50	19
Sunbury Utd	18	5	1	12	32	40	16
Gisborne	18	3	0	15	17	79	9
Sunshine Heights	18	0	1	17	9	109	1

## MILO Boys West 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Georgies JSC	18	15	3	0	109	14	48
North Sunshine Eagles JSC	18	13	3	2	82	17	42
Altona Magic JSC	18	11	6	1	67	21	39
Brimbank JSC	18	10	2	6	69	35	32
Keilor Park JSC	18	9	2	7	62	36	29
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	18	9	2	7	36	34	29
Avondale Heights JSC	18	6	0	12	22	59	18
St Albans	18	4	0	14	34	70	12
Melton SC	18	4	0	14	42	99	12
Hoppers Crossing JSC	18	0	0	18	5	123	0

## MILO Boys West 14 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	16	11	3	2	39	14	36
Albion Rovers	16	11	2	3	47	13	35
Altona City	16	11	1	4	58	16	34
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	9	4	3	40	19	31
Keilor Park	16	9	4	3	39	22	31
Hoppers Crossing	16	4	2	10	34	46	14
St Albans	16	3	3	10	12	39	12
Laverton Park	16	2	2	12	22	52	8
Brimbank	16	1	1	14	10	80	4

## MILO Boys West 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Heights	18	17	1	0	85	8	52
Sunshine Georgies	18	13	2	3	62	20	41
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	18	11	2	5	48	21	35
Keilor Park	18	9	1	8	37	23	28
Werrisbee City	18	9	1	8	36	26	26
Green Gully	18	8	2	8	33	26	26
Sydenham Park	18	7	3	8	30	33	24
Western Eagles	18	7	1	10	30	37	22
Melbourne Knights	18	1	1	16	5	85	4
Williamstown	18	1	0	17	11	82	3

## MILO Boys West 12 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brimbank JSC	18	15	2	1	66	10	47
Altona City JSC	18	13	2	3	65	12	41
Green Gully JSC	18	11	4	3	49	14	37
Albion Rovers JSC	18	11	3	4	76	22	36
Werrisbee City JSC	18	9	3	6	43	23	30
Melbourne Knights JSC	18	7	6	5	35	17	27
Keilor Park JSC	18	6	4	8	36	28	22
Sydenham Park JSC	18	4	0	14	14	45	12
Hoppers Crossing JSC	18	1	0	17	5	119	3
Sunshine Heights JSC	18	1	0	17	5	104	3

## MILO Boys West 12 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine Georgies JSC	16	13	1	2	46	14	40
Keilor Park JSC	16	12	0	4	49	10	36
Gisborne Junior Soccer Club	16	10	2	4	36	14	32
Ballarat Academy Of Soccer	16	8	3	5	35	30	27
St Albans	16	6	3	7	26	27	21
Avondale Heights JSC	16	6	0	10	21	34	18
Melton SC	16	4	2	10	16	37	14
Green Gully JSC	16	3	2	11	10	34	11
Brimbank JSC	16	3	1	12	12	51	10
Altona City JSC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## MILO Boys West 11 Kangaroos Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Altona City	14	11	1	2	63	9	34
Green Gully	14	10	1	3	62	9	31
Keilor Park	14	9	3	2	43	7	30
Gisborne	14	10	0	4	27	11	30
Albion Rovers	14	5	4	5	24	30	19
Hoppers Crossing	14	2	2	10	14	58	8
WVSA	14	2	1	11	19	51	7
Flemington Eagles	14	1	0	13	15	92	3

## MILO Boys West 11 Jozeys Blue

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Avondale Heights JSC	14	13	0	1	60	10	39
Keilor Park JSC	14	9	1	4	38	14	28
Williamstown JSC	14	8	4	2	30	9	28
Laverton Park JSC	14	7	3	4	39	22	24
Werrisbee Greens JSC	14	5	2	7	14	17	17
Werrisbee City JSC	14	4	1	9	15	35	13
Satellite City Utd	14	3	0	11	13	54	9
Brimbank JSC	14	1	1	12	1	49	4

## MILO Boys West 11 Jozeys Red

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Green Gully	14	12	1	1	70	8	37
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	14	11	1	2	71	14	34
Sunbury Utd	14	10	1	3	41	10	31
Sunshine Georgies	14	7	4	3	53	10	25
Altona City	14	6	0	8	36	17	18
Sydenham Park	14	4	0	10	25	70	12
St Albans	14	1	2	11	10	45	5
Gisborne	14	0	1	13	2	134	1

## MILO Girls Metro 18 Green

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sandringham City JSC	14	14	0	0	103	3	42
Bundoora JSC	14	12	0	2	113	18	36
Sydenham Park JSC	14	9	0	5	46	31	27
Bulleen JSC	14	6	2	6	28	52	20
St Albans JSC	14	5	3	6	28	42	18
Brunswick Zebras JSC	14	4	2	8	38	55	14
Heidelberg United JSC	14	2	1	11	9	60	7
Whitehorse	14	0	0	14	4	108	0

## MILO Girls Metro 18 Purple

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Noble Park JSC	14	13	0	1	86	8	39
Berwick City JSC	14	9	1	4	29	17	28
Mornington SC	14	8	2	4	20	24	26
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14	6	2	6	20	18	20
Langwarrin SC	14	6	1	7	19	27	19
Endeavour Utd	14	5	0	9	11	30	15
Croydon City Arrows JSC	14	3	4	7	15	24	13
Glen Eira JSC	14	1	0	13	5	57	3

## MILO Girls Metro 15 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ashburton JWSC	14	11	2	1	38	13	35
Richmond JSC	14	9	1	4	35	27	28
Epping City JSC	14	8	3	3	43	31	27
Bendigo Amateur Soccer	14	7	2	5	37	22	23
Glen Eira JSC	14	6	0	8	34	42	18
Beaumaris SC	14	5	2	7	32	27	17
Westgate JFC	14	4	1	9	34	49	13
Watsonia Heights JSC	14	0	1	13	10	52	1

## MILO Girls Metro 15 B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Rosebud JSC	14	9	2	3	25	11	29
Brighton JSC	14	7	3	4	20	11	24
Langwarrin SC	14	7	2	5	29	19	23
Baxter Soccer Club	14	6	5	3	28	18	23
Berwick City JSC	14	7	2	5	23	18	23
Boroondara Lions JFC	14	6	4	4	27	19	22
Sandringham City JSC	14	2	3	9	11	38	9
Mornington SC	14	1	1	12	5	36	4

## MILO Girls Metro 15 C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Eastern Lions	14	12	1	1	45	7	37
East Bentleigh JSC	14	10	0	4	33	15	30
Sherbrooke Rangers JSC	14	8	1	5	32	21	25
Croydon City Arrows JSC	14	8	0	6	28	17	24
Brighton JSC	14	5	3	6	15	18	18
North Caulfield JSC	14	4	2	8	15	30	14
Hampton Park Utd	14	3	1	10	8	21	10
Mornington SC	14	2	0	12	9	50	6

## MILO Girls Metro 13 A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brighton JSC	18	14	3	1	55	7	45
Knox City JSC	18	13	2	3	61	16	42





## BAYSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



Action between Phillip Island and Western Port

The teams and fixtures for the Sand Hotel Challenge Cup and Trophy-Wise League Cup have been set after a big weekend with the conclusion of the round of 16, the first stage of the knockout phase.

Western Port Wanderers and Bayswater Strikers finished 1st and 2nd in the Premier League and they concluded their battle this year with a golden goal that has sent Western Port into the Sands Hotel Challenge Cup. I mentioned in the preview leading up to this fixture that it was going to be a cracker and by all reports it certainly

was. Seven goals in total with Western Port leading at half time 3 - 1 only to allow Bayswater into the match to tie it up 3 - 3 at full time.

The 2005 Trophy-Wise winners, Western Port now has the challenge of playing at home to Division 3's Seaford United. Seaford United had a very respectable 4 - 2 win over Division 1's Monash Peninsula. If Seaford United topples over Western Port it will be perhaps, wait, no it will be the biggest upset ever in the league. Defending the Sands Hotel Cup winners, Brighton Old Boys were heavily defeated by Mt Lily-

dale Old Collegians. A great result for Mt Lilydale who next weekend travels to fellow Premier League team Rosebud.

Rosebud continued its good form in the final stages of the league with an impressive away win over Croydon Ranges that ended 3 - 2.

Premier Reserves team Western Port B was at home to the Division 3 champions Phillip Island in a very close contest. In the end it was Western Port B who won 3 - 2 and next week will be away to Hampton Park United.

Hampton Park United just had the edge over Bayswater Strikers B 2 - 1 as they try to emulate their 2004 cup win.

Peninsula is the dark horse to win the major cup after running out 3 - 0 victors over Division 3's Frankston Pines. But they will need to be at their best as they will travel to Lawton Reserve to face the Division 1 champions Langwarrin.

Langwarrin made no slip up in their away match to Division 2's Chelsea Old Boys as they collected 5 goals for a comfortable win.

### FINAL RESULTS

Mt Lilydale 6 - 0 Brighton Old Boys  
Croydon Ranges 2 - 3 Rosebud  
Peninsula 3 - 0 Frankston Pines  
Chelsea Old Boys 0 - 5 Langwarrin  
Seaford United 4 - 2 Monash Peninsula  
Bayswater A 3 - 4 GG Western Port A  
Bayswater B 1 - 2 Hampton Park  
Western Port B 3 - 2 Phillip Island

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Season 2006 has come to an end in the State and Provisional Leagues.

To the victors go the spoils, to the losers, the Westgate Bridge!

Let's go around the Leagues.

Western Suburbs took out the State League 1 Championship and courtesy of my absence for their last match, Coach Michael Chatzitrifonas wanted me as far away as possible from Ralph Reserve for their last match and I obliged.

Springvale White Eagles take out the Runners Up spot; they will be the new big spending Club in the Premier League next season.

Two Clubs rich in history will be playing in State 2 next season that being Altona East and Northcote City, their challenge will be to try and bounce straight back up.

Bentleigh Greens now go into a play off with the Winner of the Keilor and Southern Stars Playoff, for a spot in State 1 in 2007.

Cranbourne and Westgate having won their respective State 2 Championships enter the League of the Big Boys, State 1 in 2007.

Happy Ends also for Werribee, Sunbury, Heatherton United and North Caulfield, up they go to State 2 in 2007.

Sad Ends for North Sunshine, Western Eagles, Eastern Lion, Clayton, Westvale, Banyule City, Nunawading City and Monbulk, all relegated.

### FFV Finals Series

Friday Night saw an epic game at Bob Jane Stadium, where the Minor Premiers, Oakleigh Canons took on Heidelberg.

This was a great spectacle for the 945 Fans that attended, with the Bergers ending the Canons 2006 Season, courtesy of an Andy Vlahos goal in extra time.

Man of the match was no doubt Lou Acevski, who stopped the unstoppable, even when he was on one leg, after an injury deep into the Game.

The Oakleigh Canons will no doubt feel a touch hard done by, having secured the Minor Premiership by 12 points, their Finals chances were severely affected by suspensions and injuries.

Unfortunately, that's the way the cookie crumbled, remember the Old Katsa adage, "It's not where we start that matters, but where we finish", and having spent the entire season watching the Canons train and play, their exit in the Finals was certainly not caused by a lack of effort on their part, but a spate of injuries that decimated their squad at the business end of the season.

I had a discussion re teams finishing on top by a Katsa mile and being knocked out in the Finals in straight sets with my personal dietician, Jim Pyrgolios, whose souvlakis ensure that I maintain the great 100 Kg figure that I have, as he suffered the same disappointment with South Melbourne back in the NSL Days.

He still remembers that particular Finals Campaign, how could one forget!

Friday's nights match also saw the re-appearance of Rin Tin Tin, who was ably assisted by a new addition to the Security Team, Cujo - a strapping 100 Kilo



4th officials should be seen and not heard: Lewis Gluseffi seen confronting the Oakleigh coaching staff during the match against Heidelberg

Rotweiler, who strolled around the Bob Jane Stadium with an air of authority.

Following on from last weeks classic performance by the 4th Official at Bob Jane Stadium, this weeks 4th Official, Lewis Gluseffi was not to be outdone, and spent more time with Stuart Munroe on the Cannons bench than I have in a Lifetime with J Walker.

4th Officials, take a seat, relax and enjoy the ride, and as I have always told little children, "you should be seen but not heard!"

Peter Roberts suffered a broken leg in Friday Nights match, I'm sure that everyone will join with me to wish Peter a speedy recovery.

### Finals Crowds

Crowd attendances to the Finals have hardly set the Bottle of J Walker on Fire!

The FFV has ensured that they are played at good venues; however Soccer Fans are showing little interest in attending.

One idea may be to have double headers, another and one that will ensure better attendances all year round would be to switch the VPL to a Summer Season.

Ernie has hit the Hat Trick, following the Victory's win over at "Jack The Musc" Land. The Victory Boys accounted for the Knights quite easily, and things are on the up at Club Ernie at the minute. Remember one thing, though Ernie, One Bottle of J Walker doesn't make a booze up, a sustained winning streak and a happy end with a title is what will keep you and your assistant, armed with a lap top everywhere he goes, gainfully employed.

A classic quote from one of the Die hard Stonnington City supporters.

"One bad Dim Sim on a Friday could ruin an entire weekend"

Correct Weight, one Bad Dim Sim in a team of players can ruin an entire season also, just ask a couple of teams that have suffered this exact problem!

Until next week...

This is Katsa, but not as you've known him, and when the Fat Lady sings, I hope that your team is the winner!

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# Africa's Darkest Hour

The World Cup Aftermath



Prominent Ivory Coast and Chelsea striker, Didier Drogba was unable to inspire the 'Elephants' to greater World Cup success in Germany recently

Africa's performance at Germany 2006 was underwhelming. The continent tipped by many to be world football's next powerhouse produced just one qualifier for the knockout stages – a miserable return from five finalists. A combined total of sixteen appearances brought forward a miserable tally of three wins and three draws, as the continent slipped further into the football abyss first observable at France '98.

## Background to Germany 2006

The five qualifiers for this World Cup had vastly different pedigrees. Ghana was for many years the leading African nation, becoming the first four-time winner of the African Nations Cup in 1982. Yet two decades spent largely in the football wilderness hurt a side that still produced individuals of immense skill and power, as Tony Yeboah and Abedi Pele led scoring charts across Europe. A black mark emerged against the reputation of the 'Black Stars' following the side's continual failure in World Cup qualifiers. Finally though, Ghana qualified for the World Cup.

Similarly, Ivory Coast could lay claim to the title of 'sleeping giants'. The 'Elephants' crowning glory came in 1992 when they defeated Ghana on penalties to claim the title of African champions. The triumph though was fleeting, and like their West African neighbours they had to wait many years for a generation capable of bringing their nation's football onto the world stage. Placed in a so-called 'Group of Death', not much was expected of these debutants.

The other two World Cup debutants provided genuine shocks during qualifying. Impoverished and led by a corrupt and inept football federation, Togo finished ahead of Senegal and Zambia, thanks to the goals of Emmanuel Adebayor and Mohamed Kader Coubadja. Adebayor was later involved in a dispute with coach Stephen Keshi at the African Nations Cup in February, with the former Nigeria skipper Keshi replaced by veteran German coach Otto Pfister. Led by ex-youth team coach Luis Oliveira Goncalves, Angola surprised everyone by finishing their group ahead of Nigeria. This was the archetypal minnow, the final squad including two players without a club, and several others qualifying for selection only through their colonial ancestors.

Tunisia rounded out the finalists, the North Africans being the only qualifier with previous World Cup finals experience. Although they were the defending African champions, the 'Carthage Eagles' were not expected to make much of an impact, as their group included Spain and Ukraine.

## Germany 2006 in retrospective

This was the background to a tournament expected to be a massive letdown for those tipping an African World Cup winner during the next decade. Sadly, Afri-

ca provided its critics with plenty of ammunition. Ever since South Africa was declared as host for the 2010 World Cup, the Confederation of African Football ('CAF') has lobbied for an increase in the continent's representation at the premier football tournament. Very little though occurred on the pitch to suggest that a sixth place will be awarded in time for the next World Cup – instead it is expected that there will continue to be five African finalists in four years time, including the host nation.

At its best, Africa provided some scintillating football in Germany. Ghana was restricted to a 2-0 win over the Czech Republic largely because of the goalkeeping heroics of Petr Cech. Togo's first-half performance against South Korea was equally promising. Coubadja's cross-shot goal demonstrating blistering pace, balance and a cool finish. Ivory Coast fought until the last minute and deserved its come-from-behind victory over an admittedly fractured Serbia & Montenegro, while Joao Ricardo's quest for a club contract was enhanced by his stunning performance in goal for Angola against Mexico. (Since offered a trial with Iranian side Zob Ahan, Ricardo is yet to sign a contract).

Unfortunately though the bad performances were all too frequent and displayed all the previous criticisms of African football. All five sides were guilty of the same sins, namely an inability to defend in numbers, the committal of needless fouls, and the failure to take chances following often elaborate and skilful passing movements.

## The minnows confirm low expectations

Tunisia's opening game against Saudi Arabia provided the best opportunity for their first World Cup finals victory in nearly thirty years. Yet Roger Lemerre's side were formless and rushed against their Arab rivals, unable to hold onto possession for long periods or change the tempo of the game. They shocked everyone by opening the scoring versus Spain, but fell apart completely during the second-half, succumbing to a side displaying superior fitness, skill and tactical variation. Lemerre selected a squad high on experience but low on stamina for a tournament played during the hottest German summer in years. Thirty-three year-

old captain and midfield ball-winner Riadh Bouazizi needed replacement in all three matches – merely the most obvious example of a side incapable of lasting ninety minutes. Only Ajax full-back Hatem Traabelsi and Bolton defender Radhi Jaïdi impressed, too many of their team-mates appearing either too old or simply out of their depth. As far as Togo was concerned, the 'Sparrow Hawks' would probably prefer their tournament to have ended the moment Coubadja scored. Racked by internal dissension (Pfister resigned twice during the tournament over a pay dispute), the side had possibly the worst World Cup preparation in decades, matched only by the shambles that was Zaire in 1974. Fortunately they escaped the thrashings that the 'Leopards' received thirty years ago, but still did little to enhance African reputations. Adebayor's best moment came when he twice wrong-footed Swiss defender Patrick Muller, only to be denied a clear penalty. The defence was flat-footed and often caught square, best evidenced by Jean-Paul Abalo's deserved dismissal against South Korea for upending Park Ji-Sung. Togo often conceded goals late in matches – the hallmark of a struggling side. This was their moment in the sun, but sadly will be remembered for fractiousness and recriminations.

Angola's grudge match was always going to be against former colonial masters Portugal. Five years ago, the last fixture between these sides resulted in Angola forfeiting the match following the expulsion of five players. On a bigger stage and with more at stake, Angola behaved with greater circumspection in Germany. It did not stop them though from committing twenty-five fouls per match, equal highest in the competition (alongside Ghana). Joao Ricardo had his finest hour against Mexico because he had to; the Central Americans twice hit the post and roasted a defence that had Andre dismissed fifteen minutes from time. Angola returned home justifiably proud of their efforts, but again we must wonder whether we should be expecting more than mere survival from a continent renowned for its technical ability.



Ghana goalkeeper Sammy Adjiei

## Bright lights from the 'Black Stars'

Such class as there was came from Ghana. The 'Black Stars' list of talent was impressive – Muntari, Essien, Kuffour and Appiah. Frustratingly, the list of needless suspensions matched it. They disposed of the creaking Czechs with ease and did all that was required against the United States. Yet Essien's suspension for a clumsy and needless foul cost his side dear. While always eager to attack Brazil in their second-round encounter, Ghana missed Essien's passing ability when in transition. Useful counter-attacks broke down on the edge of the penalty area, as Ghana lacked the passing ability to beat the excellent Lucio. Asamoah Gyan and Matthew Amoah had plenty of shots, but rarely from areas capable of troubling Dida. The Ghanaians were impetuous tacklers, never able to discern the correct moment to attack their opponents. Radomir Djukovic could not get his side's defence in order and – like Togo – they were made to pay for employing a shoddy offside trap. But Ghana played much 'good football', and hopefully valuable lessons learnt. This is one side likely to reappear in South Africa.

Brimming with talent, Ivory Coast can also look forward to exciting times. For many years a net 'exporter' of talent to Europe, the 'Elephants' impressed many in Germany. Didier Drogba's late goal against Argentina was the least deserved by a side always eager to attack. Too many wasted chances cost them a draw against Holland, but they responded magnificently from being 2-0 down after half an hour. Didier Zokora ran at the Dutch defence incessantly, with his shots from long range always threatening. The Ivorians are the best example of the difficulties of being a competent side in a difficult group. Un-seeded, they encountered Argentina, the best side in the early stages of the tournament.

**"The battle against famine, poverty, HIV/AIDS and ethnic tensions are constants in much of sub-Saharan Africa."**

## Troubling times could be ahead

Yet with the benefit of hindsight, Ivory Coast illustrates the difficulties facing African football in the lead-up to the 2010 tournament. Football cannot exist in a vacuum, as players' lives are shaped by the environments in which they grow up. Two nations – Togo and Ivory Coast – are currently beset by civil war. In Togo's case, twelve years of unrest ceased in late August with a tentative ceasefire between government troops and rural rebels. The domestic situation looks less promising for the Ivorians, where four years of fighting almost resulted in the country forfeiting its place at the World Cup.

Traditionally, African football has been dominated by the continent's more stable nations. It is therefore no surprise that Ghana and Senegal have performed strongly in recent years, while the North African states always perform strongly (and are heavily represented) at the African Nations Cup. The battle against famine, poverty, HIV/AIDS and ethnic tensions are constants in much of sub-Saharan Africa. Sadly, all factors are capable of decimating the talent pool.

Corruption, nepotism and sheer incompetence play their part too. Togo's troubles were embarrassing, supporting the stereotype of Africa's 'dark heart'. More troubling still, FIFA's decision to award South Africa the 2010 World Cup might yet be rescinded. Ten stadiums are due to be used in 2010, four of which are to be built from scratch. Yet construction has not begun at any of the new sites, nor have renovations begun at the other venues. South Africa's challenge to upgrade its stadia, transport, accommodation and security is immense.

Africa is faltering. Brilliant individual talent abounds, but it is increasingly difficult to harness. Too many nations still employ average European coaches found to be tactically out of their depth. Meanwhile too many domestic federations serve the interests of their officials, and not the game or its players. Germany 2006 was a stark warning that much needs to change if Africa is to reach its football potential.

By Christopher Weaver

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## NATIONAL NEWS

## Australia Beaten By Kuwait



Bader Al Mutwa scored Kuwait's second against Australia

Two second half goals in quick succession, has secured a 2-0 for Kuwait over Australia in their AFC Asian Cup qualifier played in Kuwait City last Thursday.

The win now moves Kuwait to within two points of Australia in the group table and more importantly for them into prime position to go through to the finals as one of the top two teams.

Kuwait exposed Australia's defence twice in four minutes, with goals from its two stars Khalad Al Mutairi and Bader Al Mutwa.

Al Mutairi grabbed the first goal in the 56th minute, with a fine diving header, while Al Mutwa beat Mark Schwarzer with an unbeatable shot four minutes later.

In a game of few clear cut chances for Australia, Ryan Griffiths will rue a bad miss in the first half, that may well have changed the complexion of the game.

Qantas Socceroos coach Graham Arnold was obviously disappointed with the result, but believes the experience will be a benefit for the team.

"You're always disappointed when you lose," said Arnold. "We tried our hardest; we had a good chance to go one up before the break and if that goes in it changes the complexion of the game."

"Their (the players) energy was sapped; I'm not looking at this as an excuse (for the loss), but that's reality. This is why we moved into Asia, because

it offers new challengers and takes players out of their comfort zones.

"You have to give credit to Kuwait, they were good tonight, they were very well organised and when they had their chances they took them."

Australia started the match slowly and could quite easily have found themselves down after nine minutes, when they survived a confident appeal for a penalty. Al Mutairi was put through in the box and as Schwarzer came out the Kuwaiti striker went down.

However the experienced Japanese referee believed Al Mutairi made the more of the challenge by Schwarzer and awarded a goal kick.

However after the first 15 minutes, Australia started to get control of the ball and Luke Wilkshire and Ahmad Elrich had shots at goal, which failed to hit the target.

Michael Beauchamp saw a header go across the face of goal from a corner, while the Kuwaiti keeper was out quickly to snuff out a chance for John Aloisi after he was put through by Josip Skoko. Schwarzer though needed to be alert as Al Mutwa and then Al Mutairi had shots from outside the penalty area, while Al Dawood headed over the bar.

Australia's attacking stocks took a battering with Aloisi suffering a nasty cut under his eye, while the biggest blow was the awkward landing by Elrich after contesting the ball and initial prognosis is he has damaged his cruciate ligament in his knee.

His departure resulted in a debut for Ryan Griffiths, who was immediately involved in a good chance for Aloisi, but he snapped his shot wide.

With Australia on top, they created several half chances, but with two minutes left on the clock till half time, Griffiths should have given Australia the lead.

Skoko's excellent ball for Mile Sterjovski got him in behind the defence and his low cross found Griffiths at the back post, with the goal at his mercy, but he somehow sliced his shot onto the post.

The second half much like the first with Kuwait on top and getting in behind the defence down the flanks. They made a breakthrough in the 56th

minute, when Jaraq Al Ataiqi spotted the run of Al Mutairi in behind the defence and he dived to head home past Schwarzer.

Kuwait didn't let up with the ever dangerous Al Mutwa doubling the lead in the 60th minute, playing a one-two with Faraq Saeed and lashing his shot home inside the far post.

Australia stepped up as Kuwait went into defence mode, but struggled to break down the stacked defence. Any shots they did get in failed to hit the target, with the best two coming in the last ten minutes.

Griffiths shot inches wide from the edge of the box, while Aloisi also went wide when presented with an open sight of goal following a mistake by the Kuwait defence.

Arnold will now have some serious thinking to do ahead of Australia's double header next month when they host Paraguay in a Brisbane friendly and then Bahrain in their final match of the qualifiers, to be played in Sydney.

## Match Details

Kuwait 2  
(Khalad Al Mutairi 56', Bader Al Mutwa 60')  
Australia 0

**Australia line-up:** Mark Schwarzer (gk); Josip Skoko, Scott Chipperfield, John Aloisi, Luke Wilkshire (Scott McDonald 63'), Ahmad Elrich (Ryan Griffiths 30'), Ljubo Milicevic, Brett Holman, Michael Beauchamp, Jon McKain, Mile Sterjovski  
**Subs not used:** Ante Covic (gk); Patrick Kisnorbo, Nick Ward, Jacob Burns



Cautions: Griffiths (32'), McKain (62'), Milicevic (92')

## Group D

	P	Pts
Australia	3	6
Kuwait	3	6
Bahrain	2	1
Lebanon	0	0

## Upcoming matches

11.10.06 Australia v Bahrain  
15.11.06 Bahrain v Kuwait

## Young Roos Prepare For Asian Tournament



Queensland's Dario Vidosic is one of five A-League players making up the Young Socceroos squad

Five Hyundai A-League players feature in an 18-player Qantas Young Socceroo squad that will compete next week in the SEA (Southeast Asian) U/20 Football Tournament being held in Malaysia.

The Australian team will meet Thailand, Vietnam and host nation Malaysia over five days in Kuantan, with the tournament to serve as final preparation for October's Asian qualifiers for the 2007 FIFA World Youth Cup.

The Hyundai A-League players are Adelaide United striker Nathan Burns, Queensland Roar striker Dario Vidosic, Newcastle Jets midfielder Tarek Elrich, plus Central Coast Mariners midfield duo, Brad Porter and Oliver Bozanic, the latter of whom is with the club on a short-term contract. Additionally, a number of other players have recently been involved with Hyundai A-League clubs, either on a short-term contract or for training purposes, including Chris Grossman and Robbie Kruse (Queensland Roar), Troy Hearfield (New-

castle Jets) and Bruce Djite (Adelaide United).

"This will be our last camp prior to the World Cup qualifying tournament in India so it will be a very important part of our preparation," said Qantas Young Socceroos coach Ange Postecoglou.

"It will also be an ideal dress rehearsal for India given we will face similar weather conditions and also the playing intensity will be similar with a number of matches in a short period of time."

The Qantas Young Socceroos toured South America last month and were undefeated in their international matches, twice drawing against Chile, as well as earning a scoreless draw against reigning world champions Argentina.

The Australian touring squad is:

**Goalkeepers** - Mitchell Langerak, Tando Velaphi (both AIS)

**Defenders** - Steven O'Dor, Peter Eleftherakis, Matthew Spiranovic (all AIS), Sebastian Ryall (NSWIS - New South Wales Institute of Sport)

**Midfielders** - Shaun Ontong, Jimmy Downey, Evan Berger (all AIS), Chris Grossman (uncontracted), Oliver Bozanic, Brad Porter (both Central Coast Mariners), Tarek Elrich (Newcastle Jets), Troy Hearfield (uncontracted)

**Forwards** - Bruce Djite (AIS), Nathan Burns (Adelaide United), Dario Vidosic (Queensland Roar), Robbie Kruse (uncontracted)

Striker David Williams, who last season featured for Queensland Roar and is now with Brondby in Den-

mark, as well as 2005 Qantas Joeys captain Kaz Patafta of Portugal's Benfica, have not been released by their clubs for the tour. Leicester City midfielder James Wesolowski, who along with Williams was part of last year's Qantas Socceroo squad at the FIFA World Championship in The Netherlands, will also not make the trip having only recently returned from long-term injury.

The squad will depart on Sunday returning on Tuesday 19 September meaning players will be unavailable for Round 4 of the Hyundai A-League.

Australia are preparing for the AFC U-20 Championship which will take place in India during October and November. The top four teams at the 16-nation tournament will qualify for the 2007 FIFA U-20 World Cup in Canada.

## The tournament matches are:

September 13:  
Thailand v Australia  
(6.30pm local time, 8.30pm AEST)  
Malaysia v Vietnam

September 15:  
Australia v Vietnam  
(6.30pm local time, 8.30pm AEST)  
Malaysia v Thailand

September 17:  
Malaysia v Australia  
(8.45pm local time, 10.45pm AEST)  
Vietnam v Thailand

## McCallum Makes All-Star Squad!

Qantas Young Matildas midfielder Collette McCallum capped off some terrific performances at the FIFA U/20 Women's World Championships in Russia last month, by being named in the All-star squad.

McCallum was the only player from Australia to be named in the 21-player list, with FIFA naming 10 of those players as their star players, during the three-week tournament, which was won by DPR Korea in emphatic fashion against China.

Collette scored twice in the 3-0 win over New Zealand in the team's opening match and starred in the Qantas Young Matildas final match against Russia, which they drew 1-1 and saw them miss out on a place in the second round.

She was especially dangerous at set pieces and even scored direct from a corner against New Zealand.

Collette has already appeared 18 times for the senior team, Qantas Matildas, helping the team qualify for the 2007 FIFA Women's World Cup with a second place finish at the AFC Women's Asian Cup in Adelaide in July.



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# FOOTBALL FOCUS... with Andy Vlahos



Andy is congratulated by Robert Lipparotti after eliminating Oakleigh from the Finals on Friday night at Bob Jane Stadium  
Photo by John Punshon

**Name:** Andy Vlahos  
**Club:** Heidelberg United  
**Position:** Attacking midfielder  
**Age:** 30  
**Height:** 171cm  
**Weight:** 74 kgs  
**Nickname:** Just Andy will do  
**Previous clubs:** Melbourne Victory, Cercle Brugge (Belgium), Football Kingz (NSL), South Melbourne (NSL), Carlton (NSL), Collingwood (NSL), Panathinakos (Greece), Heidelberg Utd (NSL)

**Representative honours?**  
Australia Under 20 at the World Youth Championships in Qatar 1995

**Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?**  
Oakleigh's Billy Damianos

**In the world?**  
Schevchenko

**Hardest keeper and team to score against?**  
Tomislav Butina at Club Brugges

**Occupation?** Currently working with my brother

**Craziest team mate of all time?**  
For many reasons, George Goutzioulis

**Most influential coach of all time?**  
Drago Sekularac and Eddie Krncevic

**Most memorable match as a player?**  
Cercle Brugge versus Standard Liege, Belgian Cup quarter final. We won 2-0 and I scored both goals.

**As a fan?**  
The 1991 NSL Grand Final between South Melbourne and Melbourne Knights

**Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iran?**  
In the stadium

**And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?** I was at friends house. We watched it on TV over a BBQ

**Did you manage to make it to Germany?** No, unfortunately

**Most memorable goal you've scored?**  
Playing for South Melbourne against Ad-

elaide I scored a long range left footer and then got sent off for celebrating. We won 3-1.

**Worst injury:** Last year's ankle injury put me out for about three months

**Funniest moment in football?** Trying to communicate with five Serbians at Cercle Brugges.

**Record number of juggles in single attempt?** About 100 declared

**Steak, chicken parma or seafood?**  
Chicken

**Chips, veggies or salad?**  
Salad

**Pizza, cvape or souvlaki?**  
Souvlaki

**Ten pin bowling or skydiving?**  
Bowling

**Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?**  
Lemonade and vodka, lemon lime.

**Favourite nightspot?** The local boozer

**Favourite holiday destination?** Fiji

**Kitchen whiz or home handyman?**  
Kitchen whizz

**What's in the CD player right now?**  
R & B

**Dream date?** Mariah Carey

**First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?**  
They more the merrier!

**On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...**  
Do presidents count?

**Match day superstitions or rituals?**  
Nothing really to worry about

**Typical matchday meal?** Pasta

**Favourite sporting team when growing up?**  
Manchester United

**What are your strengths?**  
To be ready to take on players

**What are your weaknesses?**  
Defending

**Toughest opponent?**  
Mehmet Durakovic

**Select a player that you play most like?**  
Former Arsenal and Barcelona player Marc Overmars

**Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?**  
Manchester United



**What is the last soccer shirt you bought?**  
Barcelona

**Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?**  
That Juventus was keen to sign me.

**Childhood soccer idol?**  
Maradona

**Favorite former Socceroo?**  
Mehmet Durakovic

**Favourite Current Socceroo?**  
Lucas Neill

**What song or movie to do you get inspiration from?**  
Nothing really

**Do you watch Footballers Wives?**  
No

**Best away ground you like to visit?**  
The Veneto club

**Best stadium you've ever played in?**  
Standard Lieges'

**If I didn't play football I'd play...**  
Golf

**Hollywood is making a movie about your career. Who would you select to play you in a movie?**  
Robert De Niro

**Advice to youngsters?**  
Live your dream.

**Any other bits of Andy Vlahos trivia you want us to reveal?**  
I once trialed at Tranmere Rovers when I was 16 when John Aldridge was the manager and Kevin Sheedy was the assistant.

Thanks Andy for spending time with Goal Weekly and best of luck with the rest of the Vodafone Cup Finals Series.

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And don't forget to watch the offside!

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